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WOMAN'S PAGE.



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IN THE

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ROUND THE SHOPS.

[By "EVE"]

Lane, Crawford's.—The great problem which crops up every year—what to give "her" or "him" for Christmas—should have no terrors this year as it can be easily and completely solved by a single visit to Lane, Crawford's, where there is really an amazing variety of attractive and seasonable gifts. It would be impossible to enumerate the lovely articles displayed in the Ladies' Salon, but I mention the following which specially caught my eye. To begin with, there are many kinds of most beautiful stockings in all the very latest and becoming shades. When in doubt, choose stockings for "her" as they are always acceptable and useful. Some of the new shades are simply lovely. Then there are gloves, the most necessary accessory to the perfect ensemble, in all the latest shades and styles. There are also dainty powder puffs with posies of flowers in a glass bowl, long handled back puffs in tinsel and ribbons, cocktail picks in quaint stands and a very large variety of attractive cigarette boxes and ash trays. Crystals and plain glass heads or coloured imitation stones, which are worn so much these evenings, would also be very appropriate as gifts. I also noticed some very nice fancy handkerchiefs in cotton, linen, *crêpe de Chine* and georgette, some embroidered in colour, others edged with fine lace.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.—If you want to be the happy possessor of the very latest hat, I would advise an early visit to this charming shop in Chater Road, where a new consignment of most exquisite models has just been unpacked. I advise an early visit as past experience has gone to prove that the new hats are snapped up almost as soon as they arrive. The latest models, the creations of famous American houses, are particularly intriguing, especially the new small black and silver models to be worn with evening frocks. These are utterly charming and will give the final touch of elegance to evening ensembles in local ballrooms this Xmas. There is also, of course, a host of lovely hats for day wear, among which the felts and velvet models, trimmed with gold, silver and chenille are just the thing for tea-dances and afternoon occasions, giving a touch of chic to the more formal gowns.

The Caravan.—Yesterday I saw some lovely new jewellery which had just arrived at the Caravan and which are ideal for Christmas gifts. I cannot attempt to describe the wonderful collection but advise you to drop in either at their premises in the Peninsula Hotel or at St. George's Building. Besides these there is a great variety of other articles suitable for gifts. The management in this shop is very helpful with suggestions which simplify shopping, especially for bachelors, who should take full advantage of this unique offer. Articles that are bought here are all done up in attractive boxes, Xmas wrappings and ribbons and are sent anywhere locally to arrive in time for Xmas.

Malson Marnac.—This designer has created some wonderful evening frocks for Xmas, many of which are copies of Paris models; besides these there are many of the latest Paris creations which have just arrived. Some of the most charming frocks seen at this season are either of panne or ring velvet, on which both black and white fur is used freely. This material is superb for achieving the long graceful draperies demanded by present day fashion, which are usually accompanied by a half-length coat. Lace is used a good deal for the more Gracian lines. Some of the evening dresses are typical examples of what can be done with chiffon and lace. With the Christmas season about to open, it is interesting to see the collection of dance dresses for youthful wearers. There is also a wonderful collection of furs, fur coats and fur trimmings. The coats, either full or hip-length, are in beaver, mole, lapin, caracul and leopard.

Gordon's.—You will find at Gordon's this week very suitable Christmas gifts for milady in the lovely Van Raalte stockings and a great variety of gloves. We are all acquainted with the Van Raalte goods which are among the best one can buy and make such a useful gift. Some of the gloves are in washable suede and are in all the new styles and colours. Boudoir slippers make another delightful gift, and Gordon's have them in the most fetching colours and brocades. And not forgetting the most intimate gift—undies you'll find the Van Raalte underwear of unsurpassable value and elegance.

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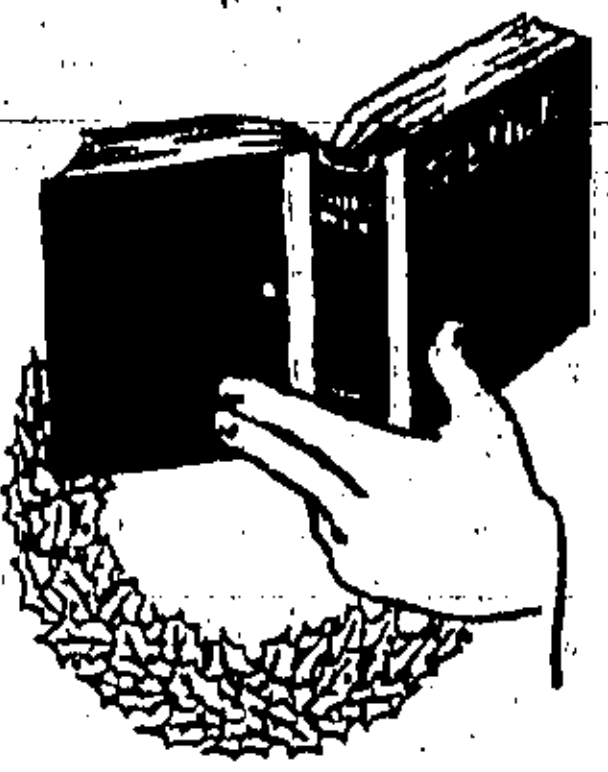
for the Holidays

THERE'LL be many gay parties and dances from Christmas to New Year and even if you think you have enough evening frocks, you'll want one of these—for an extra bit of wardrobe charm in the modern manner. These are lovely dresses, finely made, and copies from Paris originals.



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Sometimes a purchaser, taking precautions before making payment by opening the sack, let the cat out, and so discovered the fraud.

Others who were too trustful, however, might only realize the deception on arriving home, when they were said to have been "sucked in."

THE SMILE OF THE SEA PRINCESS.

CHAPTER VI.

(Continued from Last Friday.)

John-dory tried to keep near to the Coral Princess without her seeing him. "I am so ugly," he thought, "that, if she once caught sight of me, she would turn away her head, so as not to see me." Sometimes, just for a moment, he felt very sad, for he remembered very well how handsome he had been when he was a royal merman, and lived in his father's Palace with his eleven brothers.

But then he would remember that it was of no use to fret; and he would say to himself, "Come, come, John-dory, this will not do, crying after what you know you will never get again! If you cannot be handsome, at least you can be useful!"

Then he would look round to see whether there was anything he could do to help anyone else, and he always found something to do. One day he saw a hammer-fish come up to the Palace, to put up some seaweed hangings ready for the great ball to be held the next night. So John-dory told the hammer-fish that he was out of work, and asked him whether he wanted any help. Now, as every one was busy preparing for the birthday party, the hammer-fish was very glad to help, and he took John-dory on.

So John-dory went into the Palace to help to get the great ball-room ready. As they hammered away at the nails in the walls, the hammer-fish, who had worked for the royal family all his life, and knew all about them, told John-dory of the party, and that there was to be a grand supper as well as a ball.

So John-dory thought it would be a good thing if he could hide among the seaweed hangings, and watch what went on. No one would ever know, and he would have a good chance to see the Coral Princess in the lovely robes they wore, at the moment, making for her. The next night, when the Palace was crowded from end to end with guests, John-dory carried out his plan. He had made a cunning little nook for himself among the thick hangings of seaweed, and thence he was able to watch all that went on.

What he was most eager to see was, of course, the Coral Princess. The hammer-fish had told him that she would look lovely as a dream, and when she at last came into the great ball-room, John-dory thought she looked far lovelier than any dream.

She swam into the great hall on the arm of her father and every one made way for her. Her dress

was made of the whitest sea-foam, and all agreed that so lovely a creature had never been seen before.

Her beauty quite took away John-dory's breath, so that at first he did not see who were the guests just behind the King and Queen and Princess. When at last he saw who they were, John-dory very nearly fell out of his hiding-place with surprise. They were the old Sea-witch and her ugly son, the young Sea-wizard!

(To be Continued.)

IS THIS YOUR NAME?

Hiram is really an old Sidonian title meaning "Holy or Sacred." Thus "One highly placed" or "set apart." It comes to us through the Greek form "Heros." In early days it was used principally for priests and kings as "holy men," or those set apart or above their fellows. It was also used as a Royal name among the kings of Syracuse. Hiram has ever been a favourite in America though the reason is not very apparent.



WOMAN'S PAGE

DRESSING WELL FOR EVENINGS.

[By JACQUELINE HOWARD.]

It is true that many people will need fewer evening dresses than usual this winter, because instead of going abroad to places where the newest and most luxurious evening acquisition is only one among a crowd of other lovelinesses, they will probably go to places nearer home where the formal evening dress is only rarely needed.

This is no reason for dressing for indifference. It is to be hoped that on the contrary it will stimulate us to a better knowledge of the demi-toilette; a knowledge in which the average Englishwoman is seldom very proficient.

Violet Lace.

We have seen and worn lace so often and for so long that I think most of us begin to weary of it a little, in spite of the skill with which it combines a delicate appearance and a great power of endurance.

But this applies to ordinary lace. The dull-surfaced and heavy yet finely patterned violet lace which made one of the most attractive dresses I have seen for a long time is in quite a different category.

The qualities which made one long to possess this frock for oneself had nothing to do with questions of expediency. The violet tone was warm but soft. The neckline was only moderately low in front and ended in that deep V at the back which gives a long slender line. The skirt fitted closely round the hips and fell in long graceful folds round the feet. It was held at the waist by a belt of diamanté. All this elegance, however, and all the difference of appearance between this and the laces we know so well are still allied to practicality.

The colour does not soil easily, and the fabric does not crease or attract to itself the spots and marks which spoil so many evening materials with such unforgiving speed.

Another of the dresses which were sombre in colour and vivid in feeling was in very dark brown satin.

Here, again, the hips were closely moulded; this time with the pointed insets which emphasise slenderness and often suggest it in its absence. Here also the neckline at the back was very deep V and the folds about the feet long, flowing and graceful.

Classical Lines.

The front of the bodice was rather unusually draped across the bust. I do not mean in a manner which has never been seen before, because the lines are actually classical; but merely that this is an early reproduction of lines we shall probably see very often in the future. They are eminently satisfying to people who appreciate the human figures at its best and undistorted.

Both these dresses were worn by a fair-haired mannequin with an exceptionally good figure. Both could be worn successfully with dark or silver hair as well; and their lines would do much to help the indifferent figure to look good. The brown dress would naturally not be chosen for a silver-haired woman unless her eyes were dark.

The woman with the least tendency towards a high colour would naturally avoid violet. Few colours are kinder to an evenly toned skin, in the proper evening circumstances, but nothing is more coarsening to

(Continued on next Column.)

RUSKS AND RHUBARB.

When rhubarb does come in it comes in such quantities as to become a surfeit. This new recipe will relieve the hard pressed materialist searching for a new idea.

Stew some rhubarb with plenty of water and sugar. Put in a pie dish sufficient "Ovaltine" Rusk to cover the bottom closely. Pour over a layer of rhubarb and allow to soak in. Next, another layer of Rusks and continue to alternate them with rhubarb till the dish is full. Cover with a plate and set aside for 24 hours in a cool place. Serve cold, turned out on a glass dish with whipped cream or custard poured over. Raspberries, red currants or any stewed fruit may be used instead of rhubarb.

A skin which is inclined to be even slightly florid.

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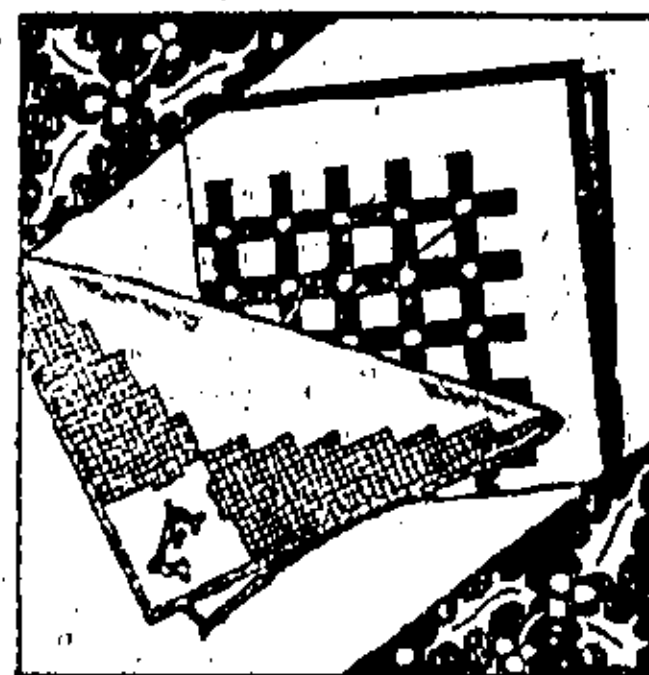


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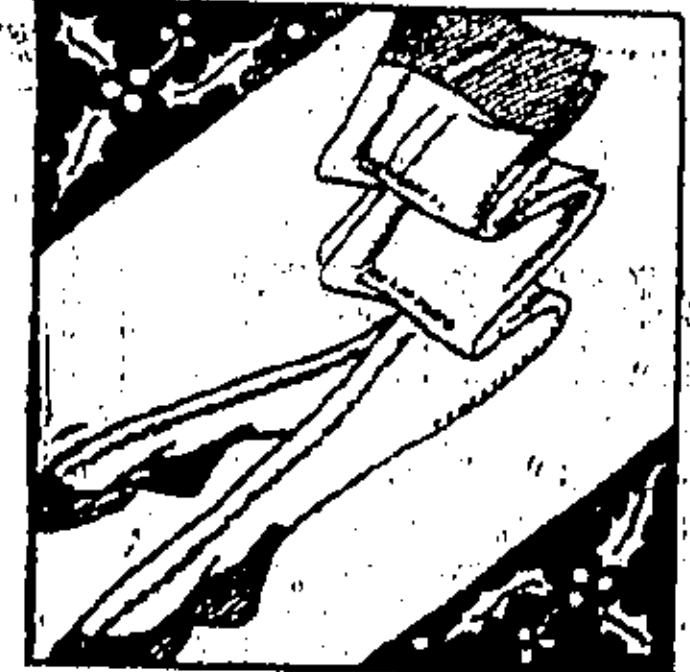
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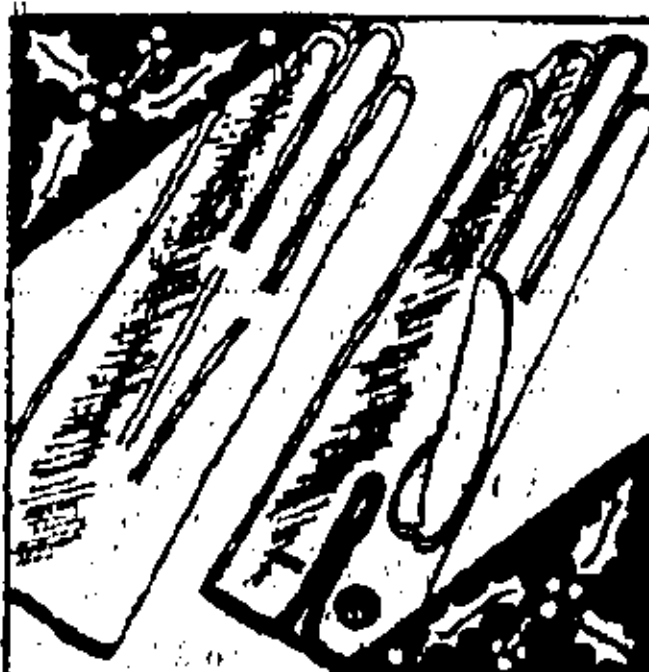
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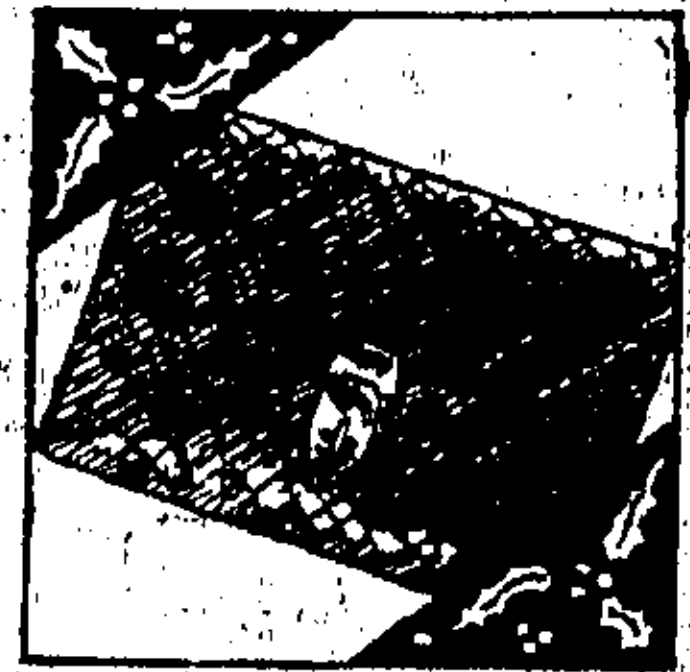
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NEW SEARCHLIGHT DISCOVERY.

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London, Dec. 4.—The world's most powerful searchlight, the beams of which reach a height of 16,000 feet and which is bright enough to enable a newspaper to be read at a distance of six miles, is a new invention involved by Major J. C. Savage, the sky-writing expert, and made public to-day.

The invention is expected to revolutionise war in the air by throwing into the sky a grid of light covering the enormous area of 60 degrees, from which no aeroplane can escape. The pilot's speed and height can then be determined by anti-aircraft gunners.

The light has a strength of 3,000,000 candlepower, and it is hoped eventually to carry the beam to a height of 25,000 feet. It is stated that if a battleship had six such searchlights the whole horizon could be illuminated at the same time.

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"Africa Speaks."
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Queen's.
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Central.
"The Texan."
"Mr. Man" with Helen
Twelvetrees, Philip Holmes.
"Mothers Millions."
"Dirigible."
With Jack Holt.King's.
"Bad Girl."
World.
"Love's Identity" (Part 2)
(Chinese picture).
"Be Yourself."
"24 Heroes."
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MOVIE NEWS

ON THE SCREEN IN HONG KONG.



"Dear Daddy Long Legs:—In my heart I love you best of all!" Warner Baxter reads a treasured letter to Janet Gaynor in their Fox romance, "Daddy Long Legs."

JUNGLE SCENES AND
SOUNDS.IN "AFRICA SPEAKS" AT
CENTRAL THEATRE.

Those who saw "Africa Speaks" at the Central Theatre will long remember the dramatic conflict of the picture, and the breath-taking beauty of the Congo backgrounds. Added to these are the startling effects of the sounds of the jungle, caught by the sound film—the roar of a hungry lion and the answering whimper of the monkeys, all are there in their primitive terror.

When the story takes itself to the French Congo—the magnificent women—with their huge duck-billed tips, are unforgettable. These women, as a result of Arab raids that swept down time after time, deliberately used to disguise themselves to escape the marauders.

The dancing of the natives women of the French Congo is another dynamic feature of this Columbia picture. There is little these savage girls do not know about the rhythmic movements of the human body. One almost feels the oppressive atmosphere of the African night, the tom-toms beating, and the black bodies twisting in the ritual of the ceremony.

Another background included the land of the pygmies. These little people, have customs and manners of solving ancient problems that would shock Western susceptibilities, if they weren't so plainly natural and innocent. Trial marriage, a much discussed topic of civilization, is an old system among the pygmies.

OUT-DOOR SCENES
AT THE QUEEN'S.LUPE VELEZ IN "TIGER
ROSE."

The film version of "Tiger Rose," Warner Bros. and Vitaphone production which opened at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, is undoubtedly more brilliant than the original stage play of the same name as it gives more scope to the beautiful outdoor scenes and thrilling incidents.

Do not accept too readily the idea that Mexican girls are all timid little señoritas who peek out of windows to guitar playing Romeo and otherwise know nothing of the world. At least, don't accept it as far as Lupe Velez is concerned.

Lupe is co-starred with Monte Blue—a wonderful combination. Lupe was on location with the company, under direction of George Fitzmaurice. They were in the mountains and had enlisted the aid of a number of local cowpunchers and others for various work. One of the cowpunchers got quite a kick out of Lupe, and finally asked her if she would like to learn to shoot and rope.

"You think Mexican girl no know how to shoot?" asked Lupe scornfully, whereupon she borrowed his rifle and proceeded swiftly to hit every target she aimed at. As

for throwing the lariat," added Lupe, as she handed back the gun. "I have not need a rope yet to get my man!"

Much of the picture was taken along rushing streams and on lakes. Frequently, in order to catch the canoe and boat scenes, company carpenters would have to build platforms out into the torrents on which to place the cameras and recording equipment. One of the most vivid scenes of the picture is that in which Lupe, Blue and Grant Withers start down the river in a frail boat, and ride the rapids. Parts of these scenes were taken at Lake Arrowhead, and the rest in the rushing rapids of the American River, in the High Sierras.

"Tiger Rose," adapted from Willard Mack's stage play, is marked by great pictorial beauty.

JACK AND CICELY.

IN THE GHOST TRAIN.

Patrons of the Queen's Theatre will be interested to learn that Miss Cicely Courtneidge, who plays the part of Miss Bourne and gives a perfect comedy performance in "The Ghost Train," is the wife of Mr. Jack Hulbert, the stage artist and leading player in this film. They are an ideally suited married pair, as they are generally together in their stage work and interested in the same subjects. The story of "The Ghost Train," which will be presented on Sunday will thrill and amuse. What more desirable combination?

"DADDY LONG LEGS."

Surpassing even her triumph in "7th Heaven," Janet Gaynor gives a tender, touching portrayal blended with rare humor in "Daddy Long Legs." Fox romantic comedy now showing at the King's Theatre. Warner Baxter, also, does the most brilliant work of his career in the leading masculine rôle.

"Daddy Long Legs" is one of the biggest hits of the screen year. Such a combination of excellent players and a good story is all too seldom screened and the genuine enthusiasm manifested by last night's audience shows the picture's popularity.

The story is of the orphan girl whom a sympathetic trustee sends to college, only to find himself falling in love with her. The director, Alfred Santill, has surpassed his earlier efforts in his subtle manipulation of the plot, and the notable teamwork achieved by the two principals makes one wonder why they never were cast to play together in a picture before.

Una Merkel and John Arledge each portray important rôles—the former scoring heavily with her quaint Kentucky accent and droll mannerisms as Miss Gaynor's roommate, and Arledge, who was "discovered" by Santill, showing surprising promise as a juvenile.

GLORIA'S FOURTH.

FILM STAR MARRIED SECRET-
LY TO IRISH SPORTSMAN.

New York.—The report of the marriage Miss Gloria Swanson, the film star, to the Irish sportsman, Mr. Michael Farmer, is now confirmed by the Mayor of Elmsford, Mr. John Murray.

Mr. Murray says that he performed the ceremony, privately, on August 23, at the home of Mr. Dudley Field Malone, the noted lawyer.—Exchange.

News of Miss Swanson's secret marriage leaked out at the time, but it was emphatically denied by her manager in Hollywood.

Mr. Farmer is Miss Swanson's fourth husband. Her second husband, Mr. Herbert Somborn, a cinema director, like her first, Mr. Wallace Deery, the film actor, obtained a divorce on the ground that she was too busy with her career to make a good wife.

Miss Swanson divorced her third husband, the Marquis de la Falaise de la Couvraye, on the ground of desertion.

FASCINATING LUPE
VELEZ.AS "THE WHITE MAN'S"
SQUAW.

The lesson of Lupe Velez, who appears in "The White Man," is that a film star who says nothing can be more eloquent than one who says everything.

"Never explain," said Diarrali. And they made a talkie of him. It was a huge success.

"Diarrali," of course, had never heard of Mr. George Arliss, whose words are jewels to the box-office.

But in "The White Man," which contains the names of Mr. Warner Baxter, Mr. Paul Cavanagh, Miss Eleanor Boardman, Mr. Charles Bickford and Mr. Roland Young, you see a tragic woman announcing her tragedy in silence. It is impressive.

Miss Velez plays the part of Nativich, the native girl who falls desperately in love with Jim Carston (Mr. Warner Baxter,) after he has been accused of mauling away with army funds.

It is well known that army officers who disregard King's Regulations to this extent invariably go big-game hunting in South Africa. Jim Carston (by arrangement with Mr. Cecil B. de Mille) goes to Arizona instead and becomes owner of a ranch.

Dark Eyed Nativich.

There he meets the dark-eyed Nativich, who brings balm to his wounded heart and slippers to his feet. In reality it was not he but another officer who stole the army funds. But as Jim is in love with the culprit's wife he takes the blame with him all the way to Arizona.

The scenes here are excellent. The vigorous breezes of Arizona, where the cotton grows, blow in your face. The sun shines. The cities is "forgotten." Horses and man dash about with 100 per cent. vitality.

Jim has enemies and they make it hot for him. Only Nativich is there to comfort him, and so he decides to stick to her. A son is born to them.

Finally, Diana, the woman from home whom he loves, comes out to him after her husband has been killed in a hunting accident. With her comes Sir John Applegate, admirably played by Mr. Roland Young.

Mother and Child.

"You can't stay here, old chap," he says. "You place is at home, looking after the family estates."

But James is adamant. He will allow the child to go home, but for himself, he intends to stand by his "squaw."

When Nativich, who can scarcely speak a word of English, hears of this, she becomes prostrate. As the car bearing Diana and Sir John Applegate drives away, with the child with them, Nativich sinks away like a wounded animal and shoots herself.

These scenes, to my mind, were beautifully done, and I applaud Miss Velez for the way she has done them. Although she says nothing, you can feel the humiliation, the final and bitter indignity she is suffering.

And I therefore say that this is her picture rather than that of the excellent cast which surround her. Mr. Baxter is excellent. He always is. Miss Eleanor Boardman, Mr. Roland Young, and Mr. Paul Cavanagh, all are excellent. But when it comes to moving pictures, give me an actress who can move you by acting, and resents speech as an intrusion upon it. For the fact is, upon stage and screen, as in real life, the best things cannot be said.—Ernest Best in the Evening Standard.

ACTOR WHO VANISHED.

ALEC B. FRANÇOIS FOUND BY CALIFORNIA POLICE IN EXHAUSTED CONDITION.

News has been received in Los Angeles (says the British United Press) that Mr. Alec B. Francis (43), the well-known English film actor, who disappeared in San Bernardino on Saturday, has been found by the Ventura police in a dazed and exhausted condition and taken to hospital. He has sent a telegram to his wife stating that he will return home immediately.

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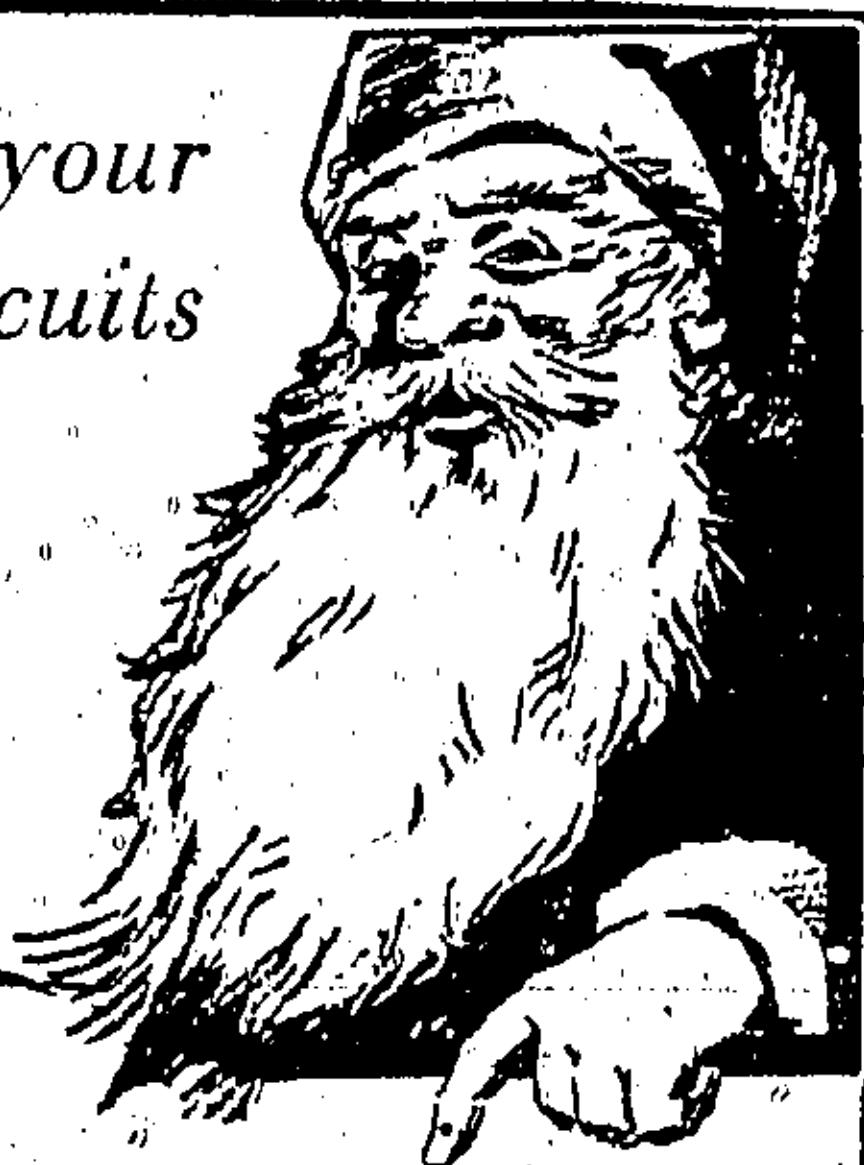
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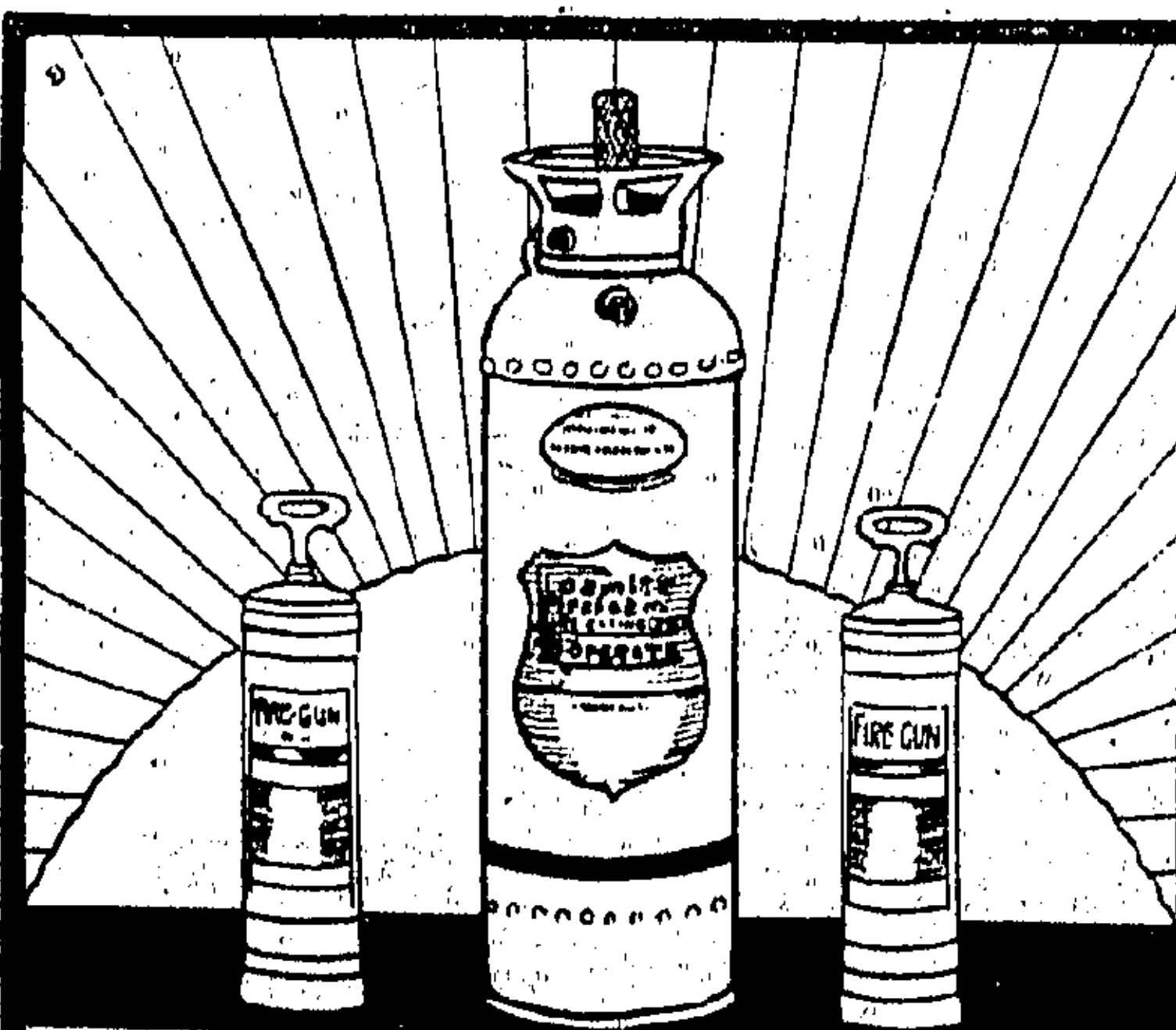
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UNKNOWN WOMAN.

**EVIDENCE GIVEN BY A
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MR. GILBERT FRANKAU.

In the Divorce Court, before Lord
Merrivale, Mrs. Aimee Frankau,
who gave an address at Portchester-
terrace, Hayswater, was granted a
decree nisi on the ground of the
misconduct of her husband, Mr.
Gilbert Frankau, the author.

There was no defence to the suit.
The marriage took place on Feb.
2, 1922, at the registrar office, Oak-
ham, Rutland, Mrs. Frankau being
formerly Mrs. Leon Quartermaine.
Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Frankau
lived at various addresses in
London, including Basil-street,
Knightsbridge.

Mrs. Frankau's case was that her
married life was happy until April
1930, when her husband changed
towards her. She could not find
why it was. Her husband's ex-
planation was that he was over-
worked.

He sent her to the South of
France, and in consequence of his
refusal to live with her afterwards
she sought a decree for restitution
of conjugal rights, which was grant-
ed on June 29 this year, but had
not been obeyed.

At Clifford's Inn.

It was alleged that Mr. Frankau
had committed misconduct at his
house in Clifford's Inn, E.C., with
a woman whose name was unknown.

Evidence was given by a house-
keeper at Mr. Frankau's house.
Lord Merrivale: There is no
knowledge of the identity of the
person in question.

Mr. Linton Thorp (Mrs. Frankau's
counsel): No, my Lord.
Lord Merrivale: Has Mrs. Frankau
any information about the matter?

Mr. Thorp replied that he had a
solicitor in court who could give
evidence on the subject.

Evidence having been given by
Mrs. Frankau's solicitor, Lord
Merrivale, in granting a decree
nisi and costs, said that although
the identity of the woman with
whom misconduct was alleged had
not been ascertainable, it confirmed
the *prima facie* effect of the evi-
dence given by the housekeeper that
there was a woman to whom Mr.
Frankau had transferred his affec-
tions.

**COST OF BRIDESMAIDS'
DRESSES.**

**BRIDE'S FATHER NOT
LIABLE.**

Judge Snagge, at Marylebone
County Court decided that a bride's
father was not liable for the cost of
the dresses worn by the bridesmaids
at the wedding.

Miss Gladys Chambers, a dress-
maker, of South Molton-street, W.,
sued Mr. C. Bray, a bookmaker,
of Green-croft-gardens, Hampstead,
N.W., and of Sackville-street, W.,
for £21 7s. for his daughter's wed-
ding dress and the dresses of her
three bridesmaids.

One of the bridesmaids was the
bride's sister, and Mr. Bray ad-
mitted liability for £14 2s. 6d., the
cost of her dress and that of the
bride, but denied liability for the
other two dresses.

Judge Snagge, remarking that
"it is the father's privilege to pay
for the bride's dress," did not agree
that the father was liable for the
other dresses, and gave judgment
for £14 2s. 6d., the cost of the
bride's dress and that worn by her
sister, with costs.

OBITUARY.

**CAPT. HENRY ARMSTRONG
SETTLE.**

His many friends in the Colony
were shocked to learn of the death
of Captain Henry Armstrong Settle
which occurred at the French Hos-
pital on Wednesday. The late
Captain Settle, who succumbed to
an attack of pneumonia, was only
31 years of age and was a popular
officer in the employ of the China
Navigation Company. He was a
native of Liverpool and leaves a
widow to mourn his loss.

Joining the services of the com-
pany in 1922, the late Captain
Settle was made Chief Officer three
years later and for a time assumed
command of some of the Company's
vessels. He was due for permanent
promotion shortly.

The deceased was a master mason
of the lodge of St. John 618 and
the esteem in which he was held
by a large circle of friends and
colleagues was evidenced by the
large gathering which attended the
funeral which took place at Happy
Valley yesterday.

**CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL
ENTERTAINMENT.**

**PLAYS AND DANCING BY
THE PUPILS.**

An entertainment organised by
the Headmaster of the Central
British School, Mr. G. F. Night-
ingale, and Mrs. Nightingale, fol-
lowing the very successful one
given on Tuesday, was repeated
yesterday when pupils, parents and
friends attend in large numbers.

The three short one-act plays were
staged in the St. Andrew's Church
Hall, the titles of these being "The
Spinners of Lush" (by Philip
Johnson); "The Man of Ideas"
(by Miles Malfeson); and "Thirty
Minutes in a Street" (by Beatrice
Mayors). There was much applause
showered on those taking part in
the plays, more especially from the
senior pupils, for whose benefit the
performance was repeated owing to
the limited accommodation at the
original presentation.

At the close of the plays, the
gathering adjourned to the School
Hall where the pupils gave a dan-
cing exhibition. This was followed
by a fancy dress parade and prizes
presented by the Headmaster were
awarded to those wearing the best
costumes.

The prize awarded to the best
boy's costume was won by Master A.
Lila, who was dressed as Helen
Wills, tennis player. Miss Stella
Bender, dressed in a Queen Anne
costume won the girl's prize.

DEFENDED BY HUSBAND.

**BENCH DISMISS CASES
AGAINST A WOMAN
MOTORIST.**

A wife was successfully defended
by her barrister husband in a mo-
toring case at Brighton.

Mrs. Lorna Enid Burgoyne, of
Sussex-square, was summoned for
driving her car without due care
and attention and for leaving it on
the wrong side of a refuge.

It was stated that there was one-
way traffic at the spot, but the
defence argued that there was no
"keep left" notice—only an arrow
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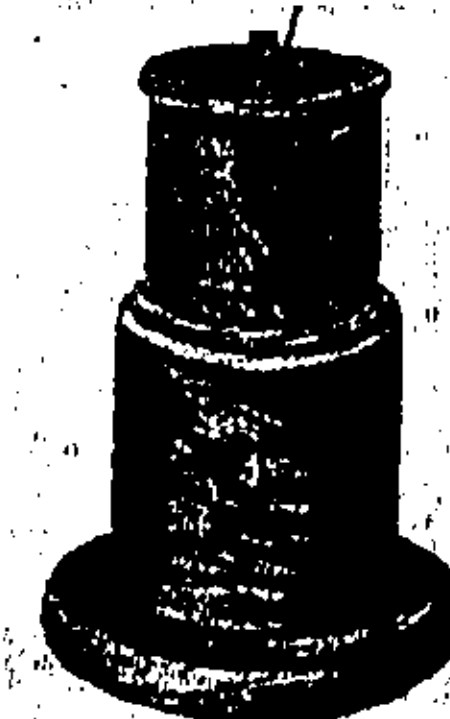


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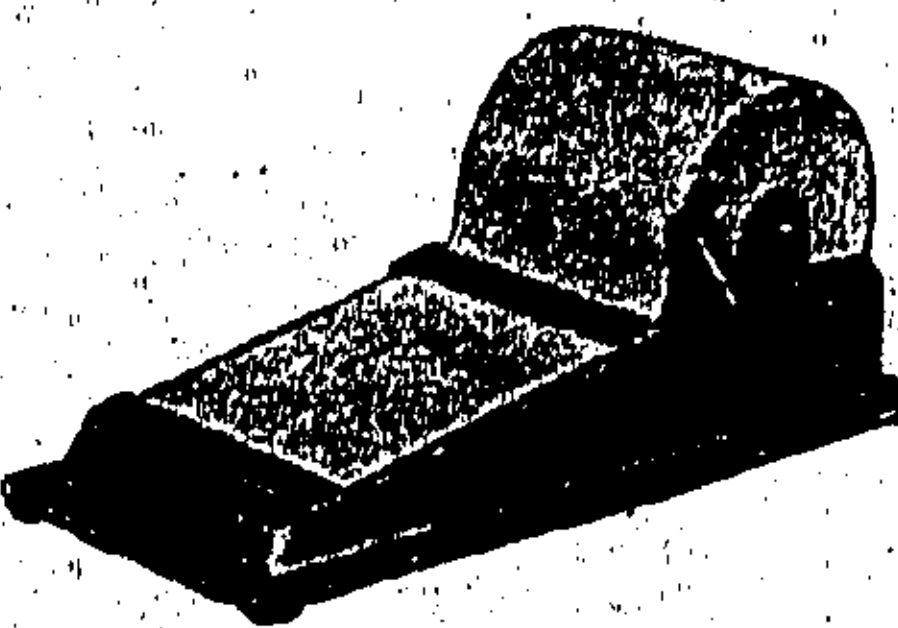


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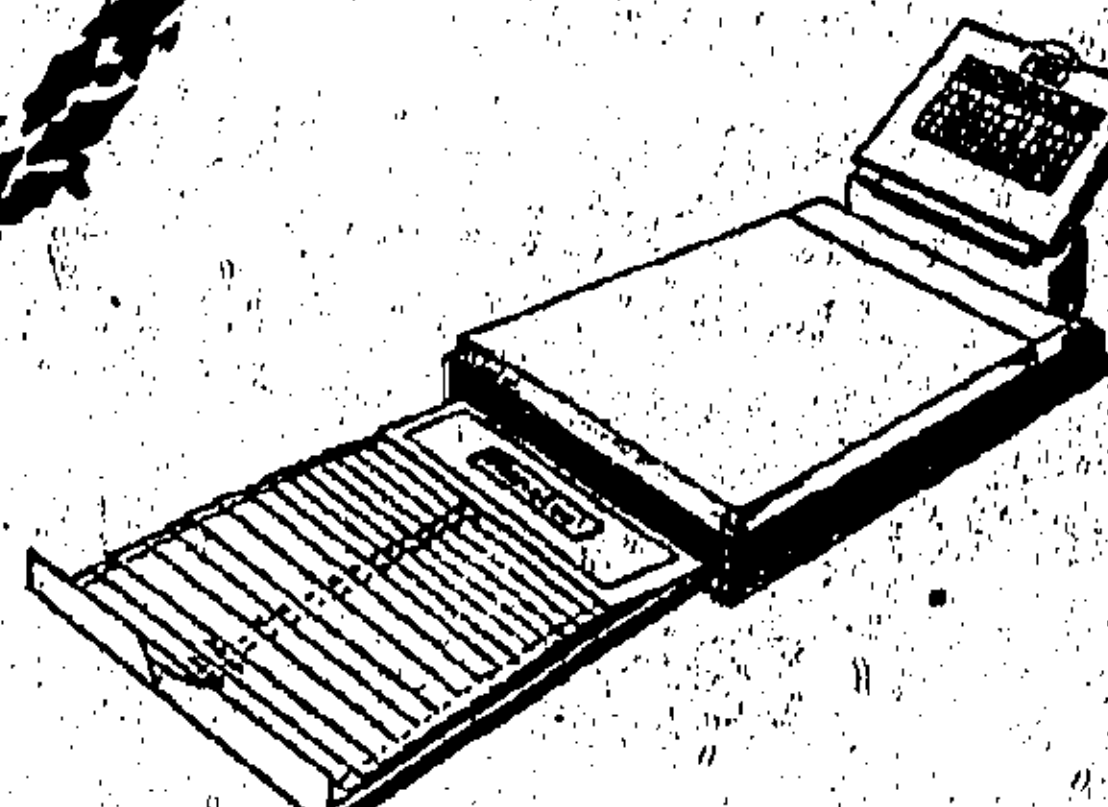
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Parades.

(a.) Battery.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 1932.

(b.) Engineer Company.—

1. Sunday, December 20. Classification Part II. at Stonecutters' Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 9 a.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon, 9.10 a.m. Dress: Uniform or multi optional, equipment must be worn.

2. Monday, December 21. Miniature Range Shoot Headquarters 8.30 p.m.

(c.) Corps Signals.—There will be no parades until Tuesday, January 12, 1932.

(d.) Machine Gun Troop.—There will be no parades until Thursday, January 7, 1932.

(e.) Armoured Car Company.—

1. Car Section. There will be no parades until further notice. All revolvers must be handed in as soon as possible.

2. Motor Cycle Section. There will be no further parades until January 11, 1932.

(f.) Scottish Company.—There will be no further parades until January 7, 1932.

(g.) Portuguese Company.—

1. There will be no parades until January 8, 1932, unless orders are issued to the contrary.

2. The attention of all concerned is called to Company Training Programme for December 18. "All Rifles and Bayonets must be returned to Corps Stores." Platoon Commanders will render reports to the effect that this has been complied with to the Company Com-

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

The results of the 3rd competition for the best advertisement between Dec. 7. and Dec. 12. will be published on Monday, Dec. 21.

mander by not later than December 22, 1931.

(h.) The Officer Commanding the Machine Gun Company will issue his Orders separately to his Command.

Band Practices.

No Band or Pipe practice must take place at Headquarters on the evenings of 17th, 22nd or 23rd instant.

Mess Treasurer.

The duties of Mess Secretary will be taken over from the Adjutant by Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C., with effect from January 1, 1932.

Parades at Headquarters.

No parades will be held at Corps Headquarters from Wednesday, December 23, 1931, to Monday, January 4, 1932 (repeated).

Transfer.

No. 1203 Pte. R. Morrison, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Scottish Reserve with effect from December 17, 1931.

Strength.

The following has been taken on the Strength:—

No. 1708 Pte. A. H. Harbord (Lowe, Bingham & Matthews), to No. 3 Platoon, on December 10, 1931.

Leave.

No. 1083 Sergt. E. L. Groome, Armoured Car Coy., Motor Cycle Section, granted two months' sick leave from Nov. 10, 1931, to Jan. 1, 1932.

W. H. G. GOSTER, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps, Hong Kong, Dec. 17, 1931.

EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

EXISTING SYSTEM TO BE REVIEWED.

DISCUSSION IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Although the Bill relating to betting tax passed its second and third readings at a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, a clause introduced while the meeting was in Committee made the Bill enforceable only after January 1 next years.

His Excellency the Governor presided.

The first business of public interest took the form of a series of questions asked by Hon. Dr. Kotewall relative to education. The questions, together with the answers of the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, were as follows:—

Q. With reference to the remark made by the Hon. Colonial Secretary at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on October 22, 1931, that the Government would give serious consideration to my suggestion that a committee be appointed to consider the general education policy of the Government, will the Government state—

(1) Whether such a committee will be appointed; and

(2) If not, what step does the Government propose to take to give effect to the object in view?

Far-reaching Measures.

A. The Government does not consider that the appointment of such a committee is called for as there already exists in the Board of Education a body which is competent to advise on matters connected with education in the Colony.

In October, 1930, the Board was invited to review the existing system of education and to make recommendations in respect of future policy. Several of its recommendations have already been put into operation and others will be adopted shortly.

The recommendations deal with such matters as the distribution of funds provided for educational purposes syllabuses English and Chinese, the possibility of improving the opportunities of the children in private schools, the school medical service, the difficult question of the extent to which public funds should be made available for other than vernacular education; the University Local Examinations, and the training of just such an overhaul of the existing system as appears to be contemplated by the Honourable Member.

A motion by the Attorney General to the effect that "the rule dated October 27, 1931, made by the Registrar of Patents under section 11 of the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinances, 1925 be approved" was duly adopted.

Bills Pass Final Stages.

With minor amendments in the case of the Liquors Bill and the Tobacco Bill, the following Bills passed through their final stages:—

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to intoxicating liquors."

"A Bill to amend the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927."

"A Bill to amend further the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925."

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the taxation of tobacco."

"A Bill to make provision for the taxation of bets on authorised totalisators or pari-mutuels and on contributions or subscriptions towards authorised cash-sweeps."

With regard to the last Bill, the following addition was made:

"Clause 10: This Ordinance shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1932."

Another addition was made to Section 4 (1) as follows:—"Provided that the Inspector General of Police may permit any club to issue lists of numbers against which the names of the subscribers shall be entered."

In proposing the last addition, the Attorney General explained that representations had been made that a proviso of this kind would be desirable, especially in connection with the issue of through tickets.

Governor's Good Wishes.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Legislative Council, His Excellency the Governor, addressing the members, said:—"As this is probably the last meeting of this Council to be held this year, I will take this opportunity of thanking the present members of the Council, and also those who have acted through the year, for their advice and co-operation. I wish to extend my personal good wishes to all of you for a successful and prosperous New Year."

His Excellency the Governor (S. J. Williams Esq., K.C.M.G., K.B.E.)

(Continued on next Column.)

A "TERRORIST."

SHARP SENTENCE ON CHINESE.

A Chinese, who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court yesterday on charges of demanding money with menaces and of intimidation, was sentenced to three months' hard labour on both of the charges the sentences to run concurrently.

It was stated that the defendant forcibly took the complainant from a tea house, and, in company with others, took him to the Sze Wo Club in Queen's Road and held him prisoner until he consented to pay \$50 as membership in the Club. After the complainant had paid the money, he was provided with a membership book and allowed to depart.

A charge of illegal detention was also brought against defendant but this was dismissed.

While the man had no previous record, it was stated that he was considered a terrorist in the neighbourhood and people were afraid to report his activities to the police.

presided, and there were also present:—

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Crosby, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wells, C.M.G. (Inspector General of Police).

Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired) (Harbour Master).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.).

Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, LL.D.

Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E.

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CHRISTMAS

BRUTAL MURDER RECALLED.

INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF MR. DOUGLAS CARSTAIRS.

MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED.

Who killed Douglas Carstairs? That is the problem a Coroner and jury are trying to solve, seven months after the brutal murder in Luna Buildings, Kowloon, that shocked the whole Colony.

At eleven o'clock on the morning of May 21 the body of Mr. Carstairs, area manager of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute, was found lying on a bed in his flat by his "boy" and a neighbour who had been called when repeated knocking at the bedroom door had failed to elicit any response.

Since that time the police have been ceaselessly working on the case, and the culmination of their efforts came yesterday when Mr. J. A. Fraser, assisted by a jury consisting of Mr. A. D. Humphreys (foreman) Mr. Nolasco Silva and Mr. K. H. Tam, opened an inquiry into the circumstances of the case.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., and Detective-Inspector Elston were in charge of the police evidence.

GRUESOME FIND BY AMAH.

Dr. Court, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Hospital, said that he found the body lying in bed, with the knees drawn up and the arms folded.

The body was lying on the right side, and there was a knife resting in the crook of the right elbow. There were bloodstains on the bed, and from their position he concluded there had been no struggle. The body was identified at the public Mortuary the same day in his presence by Mr. Walter Snelling as that of Mr. Carstairs.

He performed a post mortem examination, and found that, externally, there was a stab wound about 1 1/2 inches long, slightly to the right of the middle line of the body, about one or two inches from the margin of the ribs. The lower end had a clearly defined junction, while the upper end was somewhat ragged. In his opinion the wound was formed by the cutting edge of a knife.

Internally he found that the wound had penetrated the abdominal aorta, the main artery of the lower body. There was very considerable hemorrhage round the wound in the aorta.

Doctor Court then went on to describe the angle and exact nature of the wound, and said that there was an enlarged spleen, which was caused by malaria. The stomach and the contents he had sent to the Government Analyst, whose report he had with him in Court. His Worship ruled, however, that it could not be read by witness, as such a procedure was against the rules of evidence. No doubt the Government Analyst would be called later in the case to read it.

Not Self-Inflicted.

In answer to Mr. Fraser, witness said that from the direction and slant of the wound he would say that it was given by a right-handed man standing on the left side of the deceased. "I don't think it likely that such a wound was self-inflicted," said Doctor Court, although it was possible to do it. Witness added that it was unlikely in this case, because if it had been self-inflicted the wound would probably pass from the side of the body towards the mid-line; also that the line of the wound would tend to be horizontal rather than vertical.

After the injury the knife was found outside the body, and he thought it had been withdrawn, as it was difficult, if not impossible, for it to come out of such a wound of its own accord. The position in which the body was found, with the arms folded and the knees drawn up would have been assumed after the wound had been inflicted.

The cause of death in his opinion was a stab wound in the abdomen penetrating the abdominal aorta.

From all the signs witness concluded that Mr. Carstairs had died eight or twelve hours before he saw him at noon; that would make the time of his death between twelve midnight and four a.m.

Knife in Crook of Arm.

Further questioned by Mr. Murphy, Doctor Court said that as to the knife being found in the crook of the arm it might have been put there by the murderer purposely. He would not expect a person to walk after receiving such a wound, but he might possibly have raised himself from the floor to the bed afterwards. Doctor Court added that he saw nothing suggesting any trace of poison in the abdomen, but the abdomen and the contents had been sent to the Government Analyst.

The next witness to be called was Mr. W. Snelling, living at the Y.M.C.A., who said that he was a

cashier in the N.A.A.F.I. He had known Mr. Carstairs since 1929, when he met him in Shanghai. He first met him in Hong Kong in December, 1930, since when they had met almost daily up to the time of the death.

"Mr. Carstairs was of a very cheerful disposition," said witness. "He was strict to see that his duties were carried out, but I liked him and the other Europeans liked him. I think the Chinese might not have liked him because of his strictness. Personally I got on very well with him."

On the night preceding the tragedy, said Mr. Snelling, he had been one of a party of four which had dined and played bridge at Mr. Carstairs' flat. They had a cocktail before dinner and about three beers after dinner. Mr. Carstairs drank no more than anybody else, and that night was somewhat more cheerful than usual, and was, in fact, the life of the party.

Saw Guests Off.

He (Mr. Snelling) and the other two guests left between two and two-thirty in the morning. Mr. Carstairs let them out of the front door and closed it after them, though witness could not say if he bolted it.

He first heard of the death by a telephone message next day at about 11.30 a.m. Later in the day he identified the body at the Public Mortuary.

Deceased was very successful at his work, and had no money troubles. His accounts at the office were perfectly in order. So far as Mr. Snelling knew, Mr. Carstairs had no enemies, and had not been threatened by anyone. The house boy employed by the murdered man was the next to give evidence. He said that he was at present employed as a boy in the Engineers' Mess on the "Empress of Russia," but he had been formerly employed by Mr. Carstairs. He said that Mr. Carstairs was a good master to him and paid him \$30 a month, which was \$5 more than he had promised him when he was engaged. The work was not easy, and his master always insisted on the work being properly done. He was very strict and quick-tempered.

On the night of the 20th he served dinner for four persons. The cocktails before dinner had been mixed by Mr. Carstairs, and during the evening witness served his master with not more than two beers. At midnight when Mr. Carstairs came to the kitchen to tell him to go to bed he had had some liquor but was not drunk. Witness then went to bed and looked the kitchen door.

"Master Dead!"

That night he heard no sound, and at 8 o'clock the next morning he rose and attempted to enter the flat through the door leading from the kitchen, but found it locked. He received no reply to his knocks, and returned to the kitchen. Between then and 9.15 he "went to the door three times but could get no reply to his knocks, and so at about 11 o'clock he went next door and called Mrs. Miller. She said "Allright, I go look-see," and went to the front door while he went round to the back, as he had been told by his master that he must not use the front door. Mrs. Miller opened the door to let him in and said "Boy, front door open. Where master sleep?" The boy replied "This is his bedroom" and Mrs. Miller then said "Go look-see." He thereupon looked into the bedroom and saw his master lying down. The amah entered the room and said "Master dead." Witness was afraid and dared not go into the room.

In answer to questions put by Mr. Murphy, witness said that there were two keys to the front door, both of which Mr. Carstairs carried in his pocket by day and placed on the dressing table at night. The front door was self-locking.

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BULL TERRIERS AS GUARDS.

LIFE IN LAICHKOK PRISON.

HOW CONVICTS ARE HOUSED.

Breakfast at 8 a.m., congee at 11 a.m., and dinner at 4 p.m. with work thrown in between those hours; day in and day out; the same thing carried out with a monotony which must at times try even those who are known never to have grumbled or complained—that is the life of the prisoners at the Laichikok Prison.

The prison itself is situated in delightful surroundings and the new quarters for the European staff, which have only just been completed, give the impression that, far from being a prison, the place is just an ordinary privately-owned piece of ground, even though it has walls all round it.

The writer happened to be on a visit at the prison a few days ago and, while there, took the opportunity of looking round the place. First of all he went into the office, where, on a piece of board, hung up on the wall, was a list of names of the staff. The room next to this was the prison hospital while the floor above contained cells for some sixty prisoners, who looked happy enough as they peered curiously out of the windows to see what the stranger wanted. They were all clad in khaki coats and trousers, with heavy grey underwear.

The inmates.

All the wards were the same size—sixty prisoners being housed in each. Boards were arranged neatly over the floor and here the prisoners sat or slept, and chatted. One man

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looked particularly wistful and when asked how much longer he would have to stay in prison replied, "only eighteen days." Another looked rather defiantly around him and proudly announced the fact that he had been in the place several times. He added that he had been a "boy" in one of the local restaurants before he turned thief.

Work in prison is divided into many classes—the laundry, rope-making and even a prison garden, where vegetables are grown; on his way to the prison the writer saw a number of prisoners at work in the vegetable garden under the supervision of a European officer.

They were quite orderly and one of them was even heard to remark, "another day done," as he was being marched back to the ward after working hours.

There seems to be a general impression that Laichikok Prison is for long term prisoners only but that is definitely not the case. Only those serving sentences up to a year are "accommodated" while some of the unhealthy ones are taken there to recuperate. A new female prison is in the course of construction.

One particularly interesting feature in connection with the goal is that there are some twenty bull terriers about the place. These dogs, the writer was told, do work as guards particularly well.

Lamp Covered Up.

That night all the windows were open and the light was burning, though the lamp was covered by a silk handkerchief, belonging to the deceased, which was usually kept in a drawer. He had not seen the lamp covered like that before.

This concluded the evidence. His Worship remarking that the boy would not again be available, and he therefore dealt with him as a considerable length. The hearing was adjourned until December 30 at 2.30 p.m., when the inquiry will probably finish.

COLLISION CLAIM.

KIANGSU CAPTAIN'S CASE OUTLINED.

DEFENCE ALLEGATION.

The claim and counter-claim in the Supreme Court arising out of the collision off Kowloon Dock Point between the s.s. Kiangsu and Tokooka Maru was continued yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) with the Harbour Master (Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.) sitting as Assessor.

The China Navigation Company are claiming against the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for \$40,000 damages and costs, while the latter counter-claim for \$40,334.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. E. C. Jenkin, K.C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, of Messrs. Hastings, Debnys and Bewley, was for defendants.

Resuming his arguments on behalf of the plaintiffs' case, Mr. Potter said that they were discussing the weight and effect of anchors the previous day. He submitted that if the two anchors of the Tokooka Maru had been dropped, the collision would never have occurred. Counsel went on to emphasise that Capt. Ritchie knew as precisely as it was possible to know, without taking the exact position, where he was as he was about in the middle of the fairway in which he knew it was the duty of both inward and outward-bound ships to keep to the starboard side. The captain of a ship was in law, entitled to assume that the other captain would obey the rule of the road.

In addition, Capt. Ritchie knew that there was no other ship behind him or in front of him on the starboard side, and he was only concerned with the one outward-bound vessel, the Tokooka Maru.

Tokooka's Position.

Also, being in the fairway, he could never anticipate that he would find an outward-bound ship on the northern side of the fairway, where he eventually found the Tokooka Maru. He was not bound, in law, to anticipate such a manœuvre.

Counsel went on to say that the Kiangsu had a following current, and he submitted, as a matter of seamanship, that it was essential for Capt. Ritchie to keep proper and effective steering way on his ship so that he might keep to his own course and prevent his ship drifting into the course of an outward-bound ship.

He would submit on the evidence that the only conclusion to which Capt. Ritchie could come was that the other ship was outward-bound. He heard a fog signal from the Japanese boat at 7.15, and, having heard that signal on his port bow, he came to the only conclusion to which he could come.

Captain's Conclusion.

Mr. Potter remarked: "No sane Captain would cross this fairway in a fog and the only conclusion that Capt. Ritchie could come to was that the other boat was outward-bound, moving about east-north-east, and would, inevitably, clear him as an outward-bound ship would clear him." Capt. Ritchie never had any reason to alter that conclusion.

Counsel went on to deal with the matter of the Tokooka Maru's signals becoming "fner" on the Kiangsu's port bow and submitted that that would be no indication to Capt. Ritchie that she was, in fact, a crossing ship, and was not on her proper side of the fairway. It only indicated that the ships were approaching closer, as they would do in any case when passing in opposite directions in the fairway.

The Chief Justice remarked that he thought it would be difficult, anyway, to draw conclusions as to a ship's position by means of such signals, with which Mr. Potter agreed, saying that, at the most, the signals would give to the hearer only the approximate position.

Crossing Fairway in a Fog.

Capt. Ritchie might have considered that the Japanese ship was on a more northerly course, but that she would, inevitably, at the proper moment, port her helm and take the ordinary and proper course of an outward-bound ship.

It would never enter Capt. Ritchie's brain that a ship would be crossing the fairway in a fog. The captain of the Tokooka Maru was the one man who knew the whole of the position, as he knew he was crossing the fairway against an inward-bound ship, while Capt. Ritchie did not. If the Japanese captain had thought for a moment, he would have done something, but he did nothing.

Mr. Jenkin then read Capt. Ritchie's evidence which approximated to the facts contained in Mr. Potter's address, after which the case was adjourned until this morning.

Mr. Sheldon indicated that he would argue that the Kiangsu was travelling at an excessive speed through the fog, and that Capt. Ritchie's proper course would have been to stop the engines on hearing the signals from the Tokooka Maru.

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

There was no material change in the rates yesterday morning, the market being quietly steady.

Sales.

Wharves, \$154.
Hotels (old), \$15.
Trams, \$31/\$31.10.
Lane, Crawford (old), \$6.60.
Providents (old), \$64.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
Dairy Farms, \$29.20.
Hong Kong Amusements, \$30.

Buyers.

Hotels (old), \$14.80.
Hanks, \$42.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$30.90.
Hong Kong Electric, \$78.
Canton Ices, \$51.
Dairy Farms, \$29.
Entertainments (new), \$16.
Hong Kong Lands, \$80.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Ewos, \$15.15.
Peak Trams (new), \$71.
Telephones (part paid), \$25.
Cements (combined), \$18.80.
Hong Kong Amusements, \$19.00.
Hong Kong Government Loan, \$24 per cent. premium.

Sellers.

Ewos, \$15.15.
S.O. Enterprises, \$10.
China Lights, \$27.60.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The market throughout the day was entirely featureless and only a trifling business was transacted.

Sales.

Hotels (old), \$14.80.
Lands, \$80.

Buyers.

Trams, \$31.
China Lights, \$27.

Sellers.

Trams, \$31.
China Lights, \$27.

BOOM IN POLICE MARRIAGES.

QUESTIONS REGARDING LIGHTING ALLOWANCES.

SHORTAGE OF QUARTERS.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday, in answer to a question put by Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall regarding the increased cost of light and fans in the police married quarters, the Hon. Inspector General of Police stated that married police officers were given certain allowances for lighting and if the consumption exceeded such allowances they had to pay out the difference out of their own pockets.

"There is," said Mr. Wolfe, "I admit, rather a boom in the matrimonial market among the officers and it has put me in a very awkward position, especially as certain flats, which were to have been completed in December, do not seem likely to be completed for another two months and we have had to lodge the officers in the St. Francis Hotel for the time being."

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: When are the flats likely to be ready at Morrison Hill?

New Police Flats.

Mr. Wolfe: The flats belong to Mr. Van Epps and we were promised them on December 1. Progress has been extremely slow on the building of these flats and it looks as if they will not be ready before March 1. I have written to him to say I don't want the flats unless they are ready by the first of March unless he is prepared to pay a monetary penalty.

In connection with the Hong Kong subscription towards the "Results of International Upper Air Research," questions were asked by Sir Henry Pollock and Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson as to whether a copy of the publication could be laid on the table. The Colonial Secretary replied that he would be pleased to show it to Mr. Paterson and Sir Henry. Mr. Paterson observed that he was not thinking of himself, but he thought that there were air-minded people in the Colony who might like to see it.

The votes totalling \$14,040 were duly approved.

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J. C. O'G. ANDERSON,
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Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1931. [1589]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE Goods of JOHN BAPTIST
RENTIER, late of the
WHITE COTTAGE, BURTON ROAD,
BRANKSOME PARK, DORSET,
DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 88 of Probate Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 16th Day of JANUARY, 1932.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 17th day of Dec., 1931.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Executor,
Prince's Building, Ice House Street,
Hong Kong. [1592]

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IN THE Goods of THOMAS
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 28th December, 1931, to Thursday, 31st December, 1931, both days inclusive.

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THE ECONOMIC THICKET.

The suspension of work on the new Cunarder is one of those sharp reminders which makes us realise that while the National Government has restored confidence in England, it cannot control the innumerable factors which lie behind the present world crisis. A French economist has recently stated that he has heard two hundred and sixty causes enunciated by different writers for our present economic difficulties, in addition to the usual one which attributes the recurring troubles to sunspots. The latter are said to produce the rainy seasons and spoil the harvests, but it is generally agreed that one of the causes of the present troubles has been excessive good harvests. So good have they been that Brazil has had to destroy tons of coffee, America thousands of bushels of wheat and France many tons of wine. Apparently then, if the sun spots are present we have distress because of scarcity, and if they are absent we have unemployment because of superfluity. Economics is a difficult subject.

STRAKOSCH is one of the distinguished economists who attributes our troubles to the maldistribution of gold. There is not sufficient in circulation to finance the ordinary commercial and industrial enterprises. Owing to tariff barriers in the United States and France it is impossible to get goods in payment for debts incurred either in the legitimate course of trade or because of the late war. Every country now seeks to export more than she imports in order to maintain a favourable balance of trade. Great Britain has been the victim of these tariff barriers and is now erecting her own as the only means of pulling the others down. Through this she was driven off the gold standard and the alleged villains of the piece are France and U.S.A. who have collected the greater part of the world's gold. As one unkind writer has said, "If England is to be crucified on the cross of gold let us hope that the two thieves one on either hand will at least die penitent." But France strenuously denies she is the criminal. Officially she has taken no gold from England and the ordinary economic laws have not been interfered with. On the contrary

she asserts the present accumulation of gold in France is the natural consequence of England's extravagance which has created in the minds of French people and the financiers of other countries the idea that the currency of France is a stabler possession than that of England. If there is one story that has gained wider credence in France than any other, it is that of the unemployed English workers who are able to frequent the spas at Marienbad, Wiesbaden and other places because of the extremely liberal allowance a benevolent government makes them in the form of the dote. If England will be so generous to her workers employed and unemployed, if luxurious motor cars and extravagantly high standards of living are the rule and not the exception, then creditors are bound to be nervous about their banker's solvency. Hence gold flows to France, and is a consequence of England's economic crisis and not the cause of it.

Perhaps then the Americans are the culprits, for they have preached the gospel of high wages, shorter hours and a full garage and have organised industry in such a way that mass production satisfies not only their needs but those of the world in several lines of goods. Their alluring advertisements have stimulated the consumer to spend not only this month's wages, but his wages for months to come, but apparently demand thus artificially stimulated is not enough. Technical skill, applied science, and industrial organisation have conspired together with the fine summers of recent years to produce a far greater quantity of wealth than the world can consume or apparently exchange.

The French doctrine of curtailing one's needs and living the very simple life as opposed to the American of increasing the quantity and variety of goods to supply those needs is likely to multiply this embarrassing surplus and make chaos worse confounded. Truly it is a mad world in which we do not know whether to save or to spend; in which cars and coffee, boots and bread can be produced in sufficient quantity for all but have instead to be burned; when ships are waiting for freights; and when, above all, millions are standing idle, waiting to work, and yet the business of getting goods from producer to consumer is paralysed. What wonder that ignorant and impulsive people, unaware of the complexities of the problem, accuse bankers and financiers of staging "a ramp." The more optimistic of us hope that humanity is breaking through the last thicket of wars, tyrannies and misunderstandings to something nearer the new age dreamed of by visionaries like H. G. Wells.

CAREERS FOR CASTAWAYS.

A new career, romantic and remunerative, stands by in the office, and probably many an adventurous wight, paraphrasing his Shakespeare, is already loudly and desperately crying, "My kingdom for a boat!" For, without some sort of craft, how shall he sail the truckless main in quest of some distant, lonely islet upon which to fling himself, marooned but unrepentant, elated at becoming an honest-to-goodness castaway?

An uncrowded profession—*castaways* in a jostling world—has sprung up, over night if press reports are to be credited regarding the good fortune that has smiled upon three men who were stranded for months on an island in the Pacific. Before they ever landed from the rescuing ship which brought them safely home, the castaways were under the vigilant eyes of an agent, with whom they had signed a cast-away and exclusive contract for the recording of their experiences in the rôle of Robinson Crusoe. So tied up, indeed, were they that they were dumb in the presence of interviewers, and shunned reporters as they doubtless did the sharks when diving off Cocos Island for their maternal ablutions.

Alas, Daniel Defoe, even you must yield before an advancing civilization that recks little of sentiment and still less of tradition. You have had your innings. For generations, countless young persons in every clime have thrilled with Robinson Crusoe as they gazed with him, in mingled awe and expectancy, upon those never-to-be-forgotten footprints. No longer will the castaway search for footprints. That is the very last thing he wants to find. A deep and undisguised disgust would fill his breast at the suspicion that some other fellow might already be on the spot. No, your modern castaway is looking eagerly for something quite different—as for instance, a fine, fat contract dropped by the speeding aeroplane of a Hollywood magnate or the indignation of a big theatrical concern.

★ News and Views ★

Economy in the Desert.

A badly straitened lorry had been sent to the workshop to see what was required to put it on the road again.

The report was as follows: "Lorry No. 106234, received yesterday. To put in running order—Jack up sparking plug and fit new car underneath."—"Alpha" (*Journal of the A.S.C. in Egypt*).

Very Dubious Effects.

I do not know whether the Directors of our famous motor firms at "talkie-fans" or not, writes *Peterborough* in the *London Morning Post*. If not, really think they should devote a little attention to a curious complex of certain British film producers, to which my attention has been called by an observant friend—their strange love of quite unrealistic "sound effects."

In two recent British films, he tells me, he has seen the latest models of two of the most expensive cars produced in England. Both these cars are well-known for as nearly perfectly silent running as British engineering genius can devise. Yet in each film, whenever these magnificent vehicles drove out of the picture, the producer saw fit to introduce "sound effects," suggesting the volcanic and thunderous departure of the oldest motor-lorry.

Why the Noise?

Why the inebriety of famous luxury cars emitting roaring and explosive noises has never struck the producer, I am quite unable to say. It is even stranger that he should go out of his way to provide these noises.

All this may be quite legitimate film-producer's licence. Film producers may argue that the further they depart from realism the better. But it occurs to me that it is a little hard on the makers of these cars that their superbly silent engines should be burlesqued in this way.

It is almost equivalent to staging a "custard-pie comedy" in the Bank of England.

New Zealand Fares
Lowered by 20 P.C.

Reduction of railway fares by 20 per cent. has been adopted as the policy of the New Zealand Railways Board, which is composed of business men. Revenues of the state railways have fallen sharply in the last few years owing to motor competition. Last year, as a result of a report by a royal commission, fares were increased.

The new board has decided to reverse this policy and reduce fares in line with wage cuts. A special revision of suburban fares has been introduced in order to get back some of the trade that has gone to motor-buses.

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Impending Crisis.

A correspondent overheard the following fragment in a village inn during a heated discussion on "dumping."

"The Almighty be seen to that," asserted a bleary old woman emphatically. "What wi' they ticks in butter and beetles in plums and taters, and that there Lord Beaverbrook, summat's goin' to 'appen, just mark my words!"

Romance of a Royal Ring.

The chance discovery of a royal gold signet ring supplied a clue that has led to the excavation of the Temple Tomb of Minos, in Crete.

Excavations revealed a pavilion, roof terraces and a hall, leading to the tomb, the rock ceiling of which had been painted a brilliant blue, to convey to the dead a vision of the sky.

From the hall a staircase gave access to the shrine above. This had been partly ruined by an earthquake about 1250 B.C., and the signet ring had probably been carried from the shrine by plunderers.

In the last age of the palace (around 1400 B.C.) the vault was again opened for the interment—probably of some last scion of the House of Minos—in a corner pit. This, though it had been rifled for precious objects, contained many interesting relics.

Time Limit Placed
on Polish Speakers.

Time limit on speeches in the Polish Diet, inaugurated by the Government on October 23, has resulted in the Opposition resigning all posts of authority in the Chamber as a protest against what it regards as an attack on the freedom of speech.

The Government's decision curtailed speaking time to 15 minutes for each member and empowered the Speaker to extend this limit to a maximum of one hour at his discretion. As a result of the Opposition's withdrawal, the Government Party now controls not only the Speakership of the Diet but the Chairmanship of all committees.

The Forgotten Guest.

The omission of the organisers of a banquet at Fresno, California, in honour of Major-General Smedley D. Butler, to invite the General himself is not without precedent.

"Exactly the same thing happened in Cairo when the late Lord Northcliffe was on his world-tour. Members of a club in Egypt decided to give a banquet in his honour, and three hundred assembled at the appointed time."

They were drinking cocktails and waiting for Lord Northcliffe to appear, when suddenly the Secretary went quite white.

"Great Scott!" he ejaculated, "the only man I have forgotten to ask is Northcliffe!"

Visits—Formal and Informal.

It is noted that Mr. Charles Chaplin's visit to Lady Astor at Plymouth is described as being "quite informal." What shape, one wonders, would any manifestation of formality have taken?

One is reminded of the answer of another Charles, not unconnected with laughter-making—the late Charles Brookfield. A friend who had asked him to stay suggested that he would have "the red carpet put down" on his arrival.

"Don't worry, it will be quite unnecessary," wrote back Brookfield, "I have recently patented an invention—boots with red baize soles, for use by royalty—and I shall be wearing a pair."

Army Gun Drill Revised.

On the order "Prepare for Action":

No. 1 immediately falls off his mount, climbs to the top of the limber pole and reports: "No enemy in sight in large numbers."

No. 2 carefully pushes the muzzle up the breach, also inserting the dial-sight to get the necessary elevation, at the same time handing the right trunnion to—

No. 3, adjusts all sights to freezing-point and rings up on the telescope for more ammunition.

No. 4 doubles to the gun limber, examines the fuse-keys, ties himself to a spare wheel and rolls to the rear.

No. 5 uncorks the shells and extracts the spare kernels, mounts a fuse-key and gallops to the rear. No. 6 gives the command: "With drag-ropes prepare to mount!" The remainder form themselves into a hollow square, elevate their right eyebrows to the travelling position, and whistle. Mademoiselle from Armentières. —*From an artillery journal.*

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The dollar was quoted yesterday at 1s. 5.7/10d.

The Medical Society of the Hong Kong University will hold a Fancy Dress Ball in the Great Hall of the University to-morrow commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and district will be closed to public business on December 25, being a Customs holiday.

A brick which was either thrown or fell from an upper floor in the vicinity of 54, Pottinger Street, struck a passerby, a shop coolie, of 227, Queen's Road East, and inflicted a nasty injury to his head.

The sacred opera, "The Messiah," will be presented at the Union Church, Hong Kong, on December 27 at 8 p.m. The soloists will be Messadmes Boves-Smith and Lockhart and Messrs. Annies and Bailey with a full chorus, and orchestra.

In connection with the Christmas party at the Volunteer Headquarters on December 23, "Father Christmas" wishes to announce that all replies to his invitation should be sent in before next Sunday.

It has been arranged that the St. John Ambulance Brigade prize drawing will be held at the rooms of the Comrades' Association on Tuesday afternoon, December 22, at 3 p.m. Holders of tickets are invited to attend and witness the proceedings.

Whilst lowering a sail on board his cargo boat, a seaman, Leung Lin, aged 55 years, was struck by a hand derrick and received injuries to his body. His condition was reported as being rather serious and he was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

Three workmen of the Green Island Cement Company were seriously injured on Wednesday when a large log which they were sawing fell from its support and pinned the men under it. They were removed to the hospital where they received medical attention.

One case of cerebro-spinal fever was reported on Wednesday.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by Hong Kong against arrivals from Amoy on account of small-pox.

Five villagers were charged before Mr. J. A. Fraser at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday with allowing their pigs to wander about the streets at To Ka Wan, near Bailey's shipyard. It was stated that there had been several complaints about this nuisance, and, imposing a fine of \$2 on each of the defendants, Mr. Fraser remarked that they must be more careful with their pigs in future.

A messenger named Ng Ying Cheong, 17 years old, employed as a messenger at the offices of Messrs. Ruter, 12, Chater Road, met with a fatal accident yesterday. He was seated on a railing at the back of the premises on the first floor at about 1 p.m., when he fell over to the yard, fracturing his skull, and he died a few hours later after admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

Passengers on a Yau-mati ferry-launch which arrived in Hong Kong first before 10 a.m. yesterday were provided with some excitement when a Chinese narrowly escaped serious injury in trying to jump to the wharf before the craft had been tied up. As the launch was getting alongside the wharf, he jumped but miscalculated the distance and fell short. He was in serious danger of being crushed against the side of the wharf, but willing hands pulled him from the water. He was none the worse for his misadventure beyond getting a "ducking."

Kong to erect a drinking fountain on the Praya side of the Clock Tower, in honour of the memory of the late Very Worshipful Brother Theophilus G. Linstead, District Grand Master. The fountain will be presented for public use, and no doubt will prove a great boon to many, especially the Chinese. —*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 18, 1931.

from the files.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The salvage steamer Protector has started operations on another sunken vessel. Early yesterday morning she took up a position near the s.s. Kwongchow; divers went down, tightened up the hull, and ascertained that the steamer was lying on an even keel, consequently no difficulty is expected in raising her.

The Volunteers are to have a field day on February 13 (Chinese New Year). The annual inspection by H.E. the General Officer Commanding takes place on March 30.

Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co., agents for the E.A.S.S. Co., have received word from the Sydney office that the s.s. Australia which stranded at Vashon Head, Northern Territory, has been abandoned as a total loss. Part of the mails and some of the cargo were transferred to the s.s. Chingtu. —*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 18, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

A cricket match between Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Detached Squadron will be played on Thursday, commencing at 11 o'clock.

The Royal Inniskillings Fusiliers made their first appearance yesterday in their new facings. Having become a Royal Regiment they are entitled to wear blue facings, and these were donned yesterday.

A meeting of the Victoria Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1028, was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Monday evening, when Brother E. C. Ray was installed by the Deputy District Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Brother C. P. Chater, as Worshipful Master.

We understand that it is the intention of the Freemasons of Hong Kong to erect a drinking fountain on the Praya side of the Clock Tower, in honour of the memory of the late Very Worshipful Brother Theophilus G. Linstead, District Grand Master. The fountain will be presented for public use, and no doubt will prove a great boon to many, especially the Chinese. —*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 18, 1931.

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SESSIONS TRIALS.

FIVE CASES ON THE
CALENDAR.

Five cases appear on this month's Criminal Sessions list, which will open at the Supreme Court on Monday at 10 a.m.

In the first case Sit Shek will be charged with an offence against a two-year-old girl named Lo Sau Mai, on October 31, 1931.

The other cases relate to offences connected with robbery. Chan Yu-wing will be indicted that, with others unknown, they together robbed Chau Ping-chung of \$150 in money.

Chung King-man and Li Fat will be charged that, on October 18, at Kak Hang Village, Kowloon City, with others unknown, they together robbed the inmates of money and jewellery.

There are three counts in a case in which there are two accused, Cheng Wing and Lam Lun, alias Tai Shek-lun. The first count against both of them is that on November 22, with others unknown, they together robbed Leung Kam of \$775.90. The second and third counts are against Cheng Wing only, the second charging him with procuring and commanding Lam Lun and others unknown to commit the offence, and the third with conspiring with others to commit the robbery.

Sin Tim, Ng Tak and Li Kam are the accused in the last case. The indictment against the first two is that Ng Tak, on November 20, at Sheung Sha Po Village, Kowloon City, with others unknown, together robbed Wong Far-man of 54 rolls of cloth, and that Sin Tim was, at the same time and place, aiding and abetting.

Ng Tak is additionally charged with receiving tan rolls of cloth, while Li Kam is charged with receiving eight rolls.

FURTHER STUDENT RIOTS AT NANKING

Manchester Guardian's Forecast of China's Future

Difficulty in Forming Manchurian Commission

WILL CHIANG HEAD WAR COUNCIL?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 17. SHOUTING "Down with the Kuomintang," 3,000 students again stormed the Central Party Headquarters this afternoon doing considerable damage, but they dispersed when troops arrived on the scene.

The students then proceeded to the Central Daily News two-story building which was completely wrecked.

Troops and police dispersed the rioters after effecting thirty arrests.

CANTON DELEGATES ARRIVE AT NANKING

NANKING, Dec. 17.

Thousands of people, among whom were prominent members of the Government and Chiang Kai Shek's representative, welcomed the Cantonese delegates on their arrival here this afternoon.

Students had planned a hostile demonstration but it did not materialise.

Sun Fo, C. C. Wu, Eugene Chen, Li Wen Pan, Chou Lu, Chen Kung Poh, and Mrs. Wang Ching Wei and twenty other members of the C. C. C. together with a staff of eight, left for Nanking this morning. A notable absentee was Mr. Wang Chiang Wei, who is at present in hospital suffering from diabetes.

PROPOSED NEW COUNCIL

(Fah Tai Yai Pao)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17.

Mr. Wang Ching Wei and Marshal Chiang Kai Shek are reported to have come to a preliminary arrangement through the mediation of General Chen Ming Shu respecting the formation of a unification government. The Cabinet, subject to modification, is as follows:

Chairman of the Central Government Council,

Mr. Tang Shao Yi.

President of the Executive Yuan, Mr. Sun Fo.

President of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Hu Han-min.

President of the War Council and Commander of National Defence, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang Party, Mr. Wang Ching Wei.

The first plenary meeting of the C.E.C. and C.S.C. members of the Kuomintang elected by Nanking and Canton will be held on 21st inst. on which the settlement of all outstanding national problems depends.

JAPANESE TROOPS FOR MANCHURIA

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

The Cabinet has sanctioned the despatch of an additional mixed brigade to Manchuria. It is expected the brigade will be sent from Korea on Oct. 19 will be withdrawn.

A RESUMPTION OF INTRIGUES?

LONDON, Dec. 17.

A resumption of the sway of the tireless intrigues of warlords and unscrupulous politicians is the *Manchester Guardian's* forecast of China's future, as a result of the removal of Chiang Kai Shek and two of his "most able ministers."

GIRLS AS PROFESSIONAL DANCE PARTNERS.

INVESTIGATION BY L.C.C.

An official of the London County Council has stated that the conditions under which "dance hostesses" work in London were being investigated.

This is a sequel to Mr. Justice McCordie's severe criticisms of the conditions under which a fifteen-year-old "dance hostess" was employed at a restaurant in London. "It is a state of things which is discreditable to the City of London," declared Mr. Justice McCordie, giving judgment in a case in the King's Bench Division. "There was no woman superinten-

The *Manchester Guardian* wonders how the new situation will affect questions like extrajudicial, but perforce is prepared to await the revelation of the policies of "those who brought about Chiang's resignation."

MANCHURIAN COMMISSION

PARIS, Dec. 17.

It is learned to-day that the composition of the Manchurian Commission will not be known before the week-end at the earliest.

Difficulties arise in finding men with three fold requisites:

- (1)—Youthfulness and vigorous health to stand the climate;
- (2)—Sufficient sparetime;
- (3)—Adequate authority.

Meanwhile the names mentioned as possible nominees include: France, Generals Degoutte, Serigny, Claudel and Admiral Herr, who is at present commanding in Chinese waters.

Germany, General Von Seckt, ex-Ambassador Solf and Herr Schnee. Italy, Signor Schanzer. United States, ex-Under Secretary Mr. Norman Davis. Britain Mr. McMillan.

THE BEGINNING OF DEMOCRACY!

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 17.

The Canton Government attaches the greatest significance to the resignation of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. It marked the end of dictatorship and the beginning of democracy in China; according to Mr. Shiao Fat Shing, a member of the National Council.

All the members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, except Messrs. Tang Chok Yi, Shiao Fat Shing, Generals Chen Tsai Tang and Li Tsung Jen, left Canton for Nanking to-day to participate in the deliberations leading to the formation of a new unified National Government. Mr. Hu Han-min, by far the most prominent figure of the Canton faction since the death of Mr. Koo Ying Fun, and a member of the C.E.C., is still recuperating in Hong Kong and will not be able to make the trip.

The Canton National Government will cease to function the day the new Unified National Government is inaugurated in Nanking. Students in Canton staged another demonstration this morning. Led by the students of Lingnan University, they marched en bloc to Government House to demand a hearing. Signs were shouted en route. Every school in the city was represented in the demonstration and parade. The number of students participating was estimated at over 25,000. At Government House they presented a petition to the authorities asking, among other things, that the Government take steps to recover Manchuria from the hands of the Japanese troops and that the Canton delegates should proceed to Nanking and work together with the Nanking authorities for the welfare of the nation as a whole. A military expedition should be sent to Manchuria to drive out the Japanese not later than January 1 of next year.

dent to look after the girls. They had to depend on what was given them by the men with whom they danced or sat out."

Mr. P. J. Richardson, chairman of the official Board of Ballroom Dancing, stated yesterday, "Conditions such as were described are most exceptional, but they do undoubtedly exist in London, and the girls have to make themselves pleasant to any man who comes in."

"At the well-known dance halls, however, things are very different. There is a fixed charge for a dancing partner, of which half goes to the management, and half to the girl."

Another dancing authority said that it was very rare to find such young girls employed as professional partners. "Most of them are girls of more than twenty," he added.

IMPORTANCE OF COMMERCIAL DEBTS

BRITISH REPLY TO FRENCH MEMORANDUM

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 17. A British Note preparatory to the forthcoming Reparations Conference has been presented in reply to the French Memorandum refusing priority of commercial debts.

The Note stresses the importance of commercial debts to Britain but it does not discuss details, pending the report of the Basic Committee on Germany's solvency.

Discussions are proceeding as regards the venue of the conference but so far no decision has been reached, though The Hague and mid-January are mentioned.

Sir Frederick Ross Goes to Paris.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. Sir Frederick Ross, of the British Treasury, is leaving to-morrow for Paris "where he will exchange views with representatives of the French Government, in anticipation of an international conference on reparations, which will be held after the Report has been received from the Special Advisory Committee under the Young Plan, now sitting at Basle. The date and place of the meeting have not yet been fixed.

LONDON'S NEW OMIBUSES

DESIGNED TO CARRY SIXTY-THREE PASSENGERS

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 17. Mammoth omnibuses specially designed for dealing with London's traffic problems are to be introduced in London next year.

Details of the scheme were announced to-day. The L.G.O.C. propose to launch a fleet of two hundred and fifty six-wheeler omnibuses on the streets of London next year.

They will provide seating accommodation for sixty-three passengers and will carry, at the front and the back, illuminated screens showing their destination, while similar screens on the sides will show well-known points en route.

HUGE MOTOR-COACH TERMINUS

NOW BEING ERRECTED IN LONDON

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 17. A large motor-coach station, with accommodation for parking and loading over seventy coaches, is being erected near Victoria Railway Station and will be completed by the end of February.

The British companies engaged in running road services over the whole of the British Isles will use the station, which will be unrivalled in the facilities it offers.

About £200,000 is being spent on the station which will replace the temporary one, where about 6,000,000 passengers were dealt with last year.

"FELT HE HAD TO FLY"

SOLDIER'S ESCAPE AT BROOKLANDS

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 17. A young soldier's escape at the Brooklands Flying School last week when, with no experience whatever of flying, he jumped into an aeroplane and took her aloft, later bringing her to earth without meeting with disaster, had a sequel when Trooper Hale appeared in the police court to-day.

The excuse he gave to the magistrate was that it has been his ambition all his life to become an aviator.

He is only nineteen years of age, and is an officer's servant in the Eleventh Hussars.

He was charged with flying an aeroplane belonging to the Brooklands Flying School without a licence.

The incident occurred while the officers at the school were having lunch. Hale said he saw the machine standing unattended and had a feeling that he wanted to go for a joyride.

The Magistrate decided to bind him over to be of good behaviour in future.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL PROGRAMME

DAILY HERALD'S STORY "SHEER BUNK"

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE *Daily Herald's* Naval story has evoked an authoritative categorical denial, and is picturesquely described as "sheer bunk."

The Cabinet has so far only been able to touch on the fringe of the disarmament question, but there is little doubt that disarmament is one of the subjects referred to the Cabinet sub-committee, but even outlines of the plan have not yet been formulated.

"Daily Herald's" Story.

The Government is considering the suspension of the whole of the British naval building programme, with the exception of submarines, according to this morning's *Daily Herald*.

The journal says that the question is now being considered by a special sub-committee of the Cabinet.

If decided upon, the suspension will be temporary and contingent upon the progress of the Disarmament Conference in February.

It is hoped that the suspension will give the British delegation a strong weapon in pressing for European naval and military reductions. If the Conference results in a satisfactory agreement, the suspension would be made permanent.

A Saving of Several Millions Sterling.

It is recalled that Mr. C. B. Alexander, introducing the Naval Estimates in March, declared that if further progress in agreed reductions were made at the Disarmament Conference, the Government would be able to cancel, postpone, or vary different items.

Apart from the effect of the Disarmament Conference, Naval suspension will mean saving probably of several millions sterling.

It is understood that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is strongly approving the idea. The ships concerned were provided in the programme announced last March and would normally have been commenced in February. They comprise two 7,000-ton and one 6,000-ton armoured cruisers, one fleet leader, light destroyers, four sloops, one gun-boat, and two auxiliary vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. The Virginian Senator, Mr. Swanson, has been chosen as one of the United States' delegates to the Disarmament Conference.

CABINET SURVEY, CURRENT PROBLEMS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. The Prime Minister presided to-day at two meetings of the Cabinet when the survey of current problems, begun last Monday, was completed.

Many difficult points requiring a more prolonged consideration have been referred to committees, which will sit during the recess, reporting not later than January 12, when members of the Cabinet will resume in London.

The Prime Minister leaves London to-morrow night for Loughborough where he will spend Christmas.

"TALKIES" AND EDUCATION

A GREAT BENEFIT TO DULL CHILDREN

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. The report on an experiment by the Middlesex educational authorities in fifteen schools, on the use of special sound films as an aid to teaching, states that the committee find that the films arouse and maintain interest, help to develop originality, encourage the children to read more widely, enrich personal experience and correlate the work of the classroom with the life of the world outside.

"Talk films," it is stated, bring the greatest benefit to the dull children, achieving a greater awakening of intellectual consciousness than has been achieved by any other means.

CARBONISATION OF COAL

NEW LOW TEMPERATURE PROCESS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. Sir Eric Hambro, at a luncheon in honour of Commendatore Piero Salerni, who has developed a process for low temperature carbonisation of coal, expressed his confidence in the Salerni system.

He said he had decided himself to shoulder the responsibility for provision of initial funds for the development of the system, which promised not only to restore prosperity to the British Mining Industry, but to rid the country of smoke, and create a home supply of oil and motor fuels.

AERIAL SURVEY OF SUDAN AND UGANDA

TEN YEARS' WORK COMPLETED IN ONE

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 17. A fleet of two Fairey land planes and two Foss Moth monoplane have just completed the photographic section of an air survey covering 50,000 square kilometres of Sudan and Uganda. The survey began early last year at the instigation of the Egyptian Ministry of Public Works. They have flown over 100,000 miles and the cameras have taken 28,000 photographs.

The survey of this difficult territory by the usual ground methods would probably have lasted ten years without revealing the manifold details disclosed in aerial photographs.

HEALTH INSURANCE SOCIETIES

GOVERNMENT ACTUARY'S REPORT

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 17. The Government Actuary in his report to the Minister of Health on the third valuation of assets and liabilities of approved societies under the Health Insurance Act states:—That while the position revealed in one of some complexity, its predominant feature is the magnitude of their members.

PREMIER'S WELL EARNED REST

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 17. The Prime Minister will leave London to-night for Loughborough and many of his Cabinet colleagues are also preparing to leave for Christmas holidays. Departmental duties will temporarily detain others in London.

COST OF LIVING AT HOME

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 17. The Ministry of Labour reports that on December 1 the average level of retail prices was approximately 48 per cent. above the level of July 1914, as compared with 46 per cent. one month earlier and 55 per cent. one year earlier.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.17 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone which has weakened further is central to the west of Nagasaki, moving east.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

STEADILY IMPROVING

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. New York reports that a bulletin issued regarding Mr. Winston Churchill records his progress to be most favourable.

The symptoms of pleurisy have improved, the wounds are healing well and Mr. Churchill is suffering much less pain.

EARTHQUAKE IN S. STATES OF U.S.A.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 17. A mild earthquake is reported to have occurred over a large area in the seven southern states.

U.S. CONGRATULATES M. BRIAND

ON SUCCESS OF LEAGUE DELIBERATIONS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 16. The United States Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Walter Edge, visited M. Briand to-day to offer the American Government's congratulations upon the success of the League Council session.

M. Briand replied that they had greatly valued the support lent by America to the League in the very delicate Sino-Japanese affair.

LARGE DECREASE IN AMERICAN TRADE

\$43,000,000 LESS IN NOVEMBER

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 16. A drop of more than a thousand million dollars in exports and a drop of over nine hundred million dollars in imports, are revealed in the figures of the foreign trade of the United States in the past twelve months.

"The balance of trade, however, is still considerably in America's favour as the surplus of exports over imports for the month of November was \$43,000,000 and for the first eleven months of the year, the surplus of exports has been about \$300,000,000.

U.S. GOLD STOCKS INCREASE

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. The stocks of gold in the United States are actually increasing according to the figures, issued to-day, covering the transaction for the eleven months ended November 30.

These show that gold to the value of \$523,000,000 was imported, while the exports of gold did not exceed a value of \$434,000,000.

BRITISH TARIFFS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. Major J. D. Colville, the Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, in a speech at Sheffield referring to measures for correcting the adverse trade balance, said that tariff duties must not be regarded as unalterable. Their incidence and continuance must be justified by the test of efficient production for the home and the export markets.

Dealing with the approaching Ottawa Conference, he said the Government would attend with eager minds and ready hands. He hoped the opportunity would be taken to weld the Empire together on economic lines.

If the Empire combined on a common trade policy, world competition in the export trade could be faced with confidence.

THIRD ANTI-DUMPING ORDER

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17. The Board of Trade's third anti-dumping order, under the recent Abnormal Importations Bill, will be issued to-night.

It is reported that it will probably include a duty upon foreign cotton goods.

DOMINION WHEAT QUOTA

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 17. The Secretary for the Dominions, who is in charge of important work connected with the approaching Ottawa Conference, has arranged to meet a deputation from the Liverpool corn trade to-day to discuss a proposal for the Dominion wheat quota.

Mr. Thomas will probably be accompanied by Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Agriculture. Sir John Gilmour is also to see representatives of the British and Irish Millers' Association on the quota plan.

GREAT BRITAIN AND SIAM

NOW LINKED BY TELEPHONE

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. The Postmaster General announces that from to-morrow a telephone service will be available from all parts of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Siam. The route will be by wire to Berlin and thence by wireless to Bangkok.

EMPIRE'S BEST PUBLICIST

DELIVERS ADDRESS TO TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

[REUTER AND WIRELESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 16. In pursuance of his rôle as "the Empire's best publicist," the Prince delivered a stirring address at the Annual Meeting of the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland, declaring that too little was known abroad about what the British Isles had to offer, the charm of the country, while far too much was heard of the financial and industrial difficulties afflicting Britain equally with the rest of the world.

"This is the moment," he said, "to impress the world that we are alive and mean to go forward again."

If temporarily, the British people were being dissuaded from travelling abroad for pleasure as apart from business, foreign countries would realise that this is merely an emergency measure.

As soon as the situation became stabilised, the British people would certainly go abroad again, just as the Travel Association hoped that people in countries overseas would visit Britain.

The Prince extolled the virtues of travel.

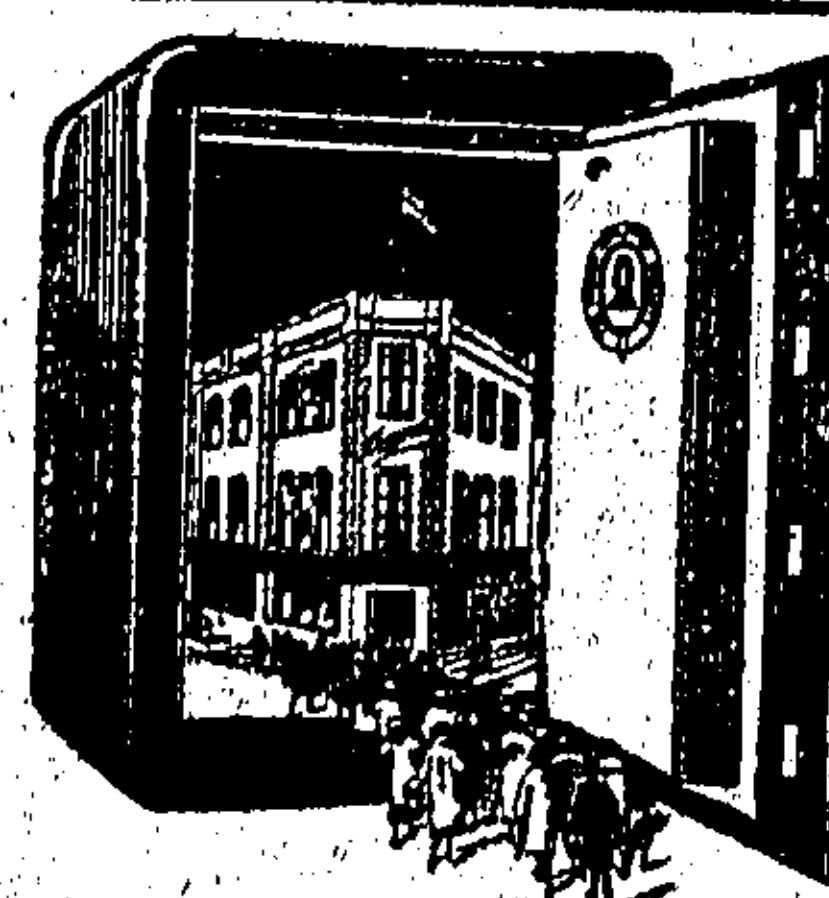
"Only by a free exchange of goods, services and visits can the world live in comfort, peace and mutual understanding. Travel and trade are international."

"If we always stay at home and try to eke out a livelihood by taking in each other's washing, it will prove a precarious livelihood for the whole world."

He was glad that the Association, in advertising the fact that the British Isles were pleasant, interesting and efficient places, were not overlooking the need for showing others that Britain had some very great industries, because the adaptation of the old rhyme was at present very true, namely, "Early to bed and early to rise, But you'll soon be dust if you don't advertise." (Cheers and laughter.)

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FOUR Buses of the China Bus Company will leave the Star Ferry—Two at 10.30 a.m.—Two at 11 a.m. going direct to Kwai Tsing Race Course via Castle Peak and returning soon after the last race.

Return fare including entrance to Race Meeting will be \$3.00. [1285]

What do you want?

If there is anything you want to buy or sell, try a small Classified advertisement.

25 words \$1.00 prepaid for 3 insertions.

Sports News

V. W. C. JUPP SAYS HE IS "FED UP."

WILL NOT ACCEPT NORTHANTS CAPTAINCY NEXT SEASON.

Mr. V. W. C. Jupp, who has captained the Northamptonshire County Cricket team for the past two years, has stated that he does not intend to accept the captaincy for next season if it were offered to him. The captaincy is decided each year at the annual meeting in March.

"I am fed-up with the whole thing," he said. "Since a sub-committee was appointed to go into economics there has been a continual growl about the side. I had a fine season myself (1320 runs, 100 wickets), and it is unfair to blame one man for the whole thing."

Mr. Jupp, who last season shared with James Langridge, of Sussex, the distinction of being the only cricketer to score 1000 runs and take 100 wickets, added that he had no intention of resigning from the secretaryship.

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OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

SHAW'S FIREWORKS AND A GREAT CATCH.

The sun came out and the weather became much warmer and pleasanter yesterday in honour of the Oxford-Cambridge match on the Club ground. A very enjoyable match it proved, ending in a draw, perhaps a little in favour of Oxford, who needed only 30 runs to win with seven wickets to fall, and A. E. Wood, the Dark Blue Captain, batting with all his old ease and assurance, and looking good for a century.

FOURS in Plenty.

Lieutenant Commander Shaw enjoyed himself immensely. He started with three fours, a two and another three fours. The wiles of Bird and Sayer made not the least impression, and then, surprisingly, he put up a fairly easy chance. It was dropped, and the event was celebrated with four fours and a six in pretty rapid succession, eighteen being scored in one over from Sayer. It is unwise to give the trout among the minnows a second chance! With his score at about 120 Shaw seemed to tire, but got his second wind, and made his runs in about an hour and a quarter. Skyrme helped Shaw in a partnership that produced 68, and with Barrow in 79 were added. Barrow, if not exactly forcing, batted very nicely indeed for his useful 31. Whitham had a big smite, but was most excellently caught by Griffiths on the boundary. Centuries are far more common than catches like that. Koop also took a swipe from Wallington's very coolly, and, but for a few lapses the Dark Blues were smart in the field. Booth hit hard and well, a bit in the manner of the village blacksmith, but he stood no nonsense from the attack.

Sayer's Bowling.

The chief burden of the bowling fell on Sayer who pegged away imperceptibly, no matter how severe he was hit. Like the slow bowler hero of "Willow the King," he has "that quality of the born bowler, not minding being hit," but he waits his time. To most of us, however, the real treat was to see B. E. O. Bird once more in the field. The old command of length, the break and the headwork were all there, and no one, except Shaw, took liberties with the old-timer.

Oxford Bat.

The innings was declared at 3.30 p.m. and no tea interval was allowed. Griffiths and Sayer gave their side a really good start and made a draw certain. Mason was bowling steadily, but McClellan sent down some poor stuff in his first spell, though he did much better the second time. Wallington tended to be expensive, but he got two wickets and was taken off after bowling the only maiden over of the match. Hamilton kept the batsmen fairly quiet, but no one looked like getting a wicket. Then Sayer and Griffiths got out in quick succession. "Hobbs and Sutcliffe" gone and the procession begins said a dweller by the Cam. But there the mistake was made. If the first two were Hobbs and Sutcliffe, the next pair were Woolley and Hammond. It was not big hitting, like Shaw's, but very nice cricket indeed. Wood seemed to get most of the opportunities that came his way. Late in the afternoon Shaw, who had been keeping wicket, handed over the gloves to Lindsell and went on with lobs. They did not look very dangerous lobs, and they were hit, but not with much effect thanks to a well-placed field and neat ground-work.

After Ride had been caught off Barrow, Hawkins came in and hit three fours off his first three balls. Then Wood, not to be outdone, took two fours and a six off an over from Mason. Hamilton sent down an over of lobs—the light being then what Cambridge poets call "the gloaming"—and another of these most historic encounters had finished, with Oxford hard on the heels of the enemy like "the hounds of spring" on winter's traces.

Three events will (as a Hong Kong rhetorician put it) "waddle down the corridors of time." Griffiths's catch, Shaw's fierce hitting and A. E. Wood's sudden six after a dozen singles in succession.

OXONIAN.

Cambridge.
F. H. E. Skyrme, c Hawkins, b Ride 23
H. S. Squance, b Hawkins ... 3
R. J. Shaw, not out 101
D. McLellan, b Sayer 0
J. P. Whitham, c Griffiths, b Ride 1
J. Barrow, c Bird, b Hawkins 31
H. G. Wallington, c Koop, b Sayer 4
F. Booth, not out 20
Byes 5, no balls 1 0

Total (for 5 wks., Dec.) 254

(Continued on next Column.)

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULT OF SCOTTISH F.A. CUP DRAW.

LUTON AND CROOK TOWN WIN IN REPLAYS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Dec. 16.

The draw for the First Round of the Scottish F.A. Cup competition, to be played on January 16, was made to-day and resulted as follows:—

Queen's	South	Stranraer
Leith Ath.	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Arbroath	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Queen's Park	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
St. Bernard	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Ayr United	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Hamilton	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Citadel	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Dumfries	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Motherwell	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Murrayfield A.	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Cowdenbeath	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Hibernians	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Dundee	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Rangers	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Lochgelly	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Celtic	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Kilmarnock	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
King's Park	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Forfar	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Armadale	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers
Dalbeattie	St. Albion Rovers	St. Albion Rovers

It was agreed at the meeting of the Scottish Football Association, at which the draw was made, that there should be no byes in the first or second rounds, but in the third round, when there are only twelve teams remaining in the competition, there will be four ties and four byes.

F.A. Cup Replays.

The following were the results of Second Round replays in the English Cup:—

Luton 1 Lincoln 1

Crook Town 1 Millers 0

In the Third Round to be played on January 9, Luton have the choice of home ground against Wolverhampton Wolves. Crook Town will receive Leicester City.

League Results.

Two matches in the Third Division of the English League were also decided to-day. Exeter, on home ground, defeated Watford by two goals to nil. Gateshead scored four goals to one against the visiting Rotherham team.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their league match against the H.K.C.C. to-morrow:—

1st team on C.S.C.C. ground:—
B. D. Evans (captain), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, J. F. McGowan, E. W. Hamilton.

2nd team on H.K.C.C. ground:—
E. E. Strange (captain), B. O. K. Hawkins, A. E. Wood, W. H. Edmonds, C. H. C. Bradley, F. Matthews, A. W. Grimmett, S. Randall, R. H. Woodman, R. G. Robertson, J. M. Wilson.

R. E. Lindsell, E. M. Mason and E. W. Hamilton, did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1/11; 2/78; 3/32; 4/82; 5/101; 6/106.

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	0	0	37	0
Hawkins	7	0	50	2
Sayer	11	0	82	2
Ride	6	0	31	2
Griffiths	3	0	25	0
Himsworth	4	0	22	0

Oxford.

G. R. Sayer, c Skyrme, b Wallington 32
R. H. Griffiths, c Shaw, b Wallington 45
L. T. Ride, c Booth, b Barrow 39
A. E. Wood, not out 66
B. C. K. Hawkins, not out 16
Byes, 5, leg byes, wide 1... 8

Total (for 3 wickets).....106

E. Himsworth, A. C. Braine, Hartnell, L. B. Holmes, H. V. Koop, R. E. O. Bird and N. L. Smith, did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1/74; 2/92; 3/168.

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
McLellan	10	0	41	0
Mason	12	0	60	0
Hamilton	9	0	28	0
Wallington	6	1	27	2
Shaw	0	0	25	0
Barrow	3	0	17	1

HELENA MAY CONCERT.

MISS CHAMBERLAIN'S RECITAL.

There was a very fair gathering at the Helena May Institute last evening when Miss Ida Hoyt Chamberlain gave a recital. She was in very fine voice and the audience showed their appreciation by calling for encore after encore. Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith was at the piano and accompanied in his usual sympathetic manner.

The full programme was:—

I've Been Roaming (Old Eng. lish) Horn
I Love Life Manna-Zucca
Care-Solve Handel
Tea Yeux! Raby
Nocturne Grieg
Scherzo in B minor Chopin
Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith
Vissi D'Arte, Vissi D'Amore from "Tosca" Puccini
Songs from the Chinese with English renditions by Cranmer-Blyng:—
(a) Yung Yang (Po-Chu i, 773-346) Bantock
(b) A Feast of Lanterns (Yuan Mei, 1715-1787) Bantock
Mysteria You Taught Me Chamberlain
The Composer at the Piano. The Savior King (Christmas Song) Chamberlain



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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain a day from a parcel of Crown Land at Che Kwo Ling, S. D. III, N. T." will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of THURSDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1934, of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th December, 1931, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the Office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,000.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
11th December, 1931. [1579]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 21st DAY of DECEMBER, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	No. 2114	South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2183, Waterloo Road.	As per sale plan	About 25,000	230	15,000

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	No. 2116	South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2183, Waterloo Road.	As per sale plan	About 25,000	114	7,500

PUBLIC AUCTION.

11th December, 1931. [1577]

ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors of the above-named Company have resolved to issue 30,000 shares forming the remaining part of the authorized Capital of the Company and that such shares shall in the first instance be offered to the persons appearing in the Company's register of members as shareholders on the 1st day of January, 1932, at par and on terms and conditions which will be communicated to such persons at a later date. The attention of all persons who are now or may become holders of shares in the above-named Company in respect of which their names have not been entered in the Company's register of members is particularly directed to the above resolution and to the fact that in the event of such persons wishing to participate in the said offer they should take immediate steps to have their names entered in the Company's register of members.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers. [1567]

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS OF HONG KONG.

NOTICE

MEMBERS are reminded that a Dance will be held in the Rooms of the Institution on Saturday, the 19th instant, and are requested to send their applications for tickets to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

A. L. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary. [1584]

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4264 for ONE HUNDRED (100) SHARES numbered 6880/8749, 7897/7938 and 38190/38214, in the above Company and standing in the name of FRANCISCO XAVIER SOARES having been reported lost, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that unless the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE is produced within ONE MONTH from the date thereof, it will thereafter be held by the Company as NULL AND VOID, and a NEW CERTIFICATE for the said shares will be issued.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th Dec., 1931. [1539]

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The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
11th December, 1931. [1578]

CORSIKAN WAR ON BANDITS.

GENDARME ARMY IN ACTION.

DRAWING CORDON ROUND MOUNTAIN LAIRS.

Paris, Nov. 10.—The campaign against the Corsican bandits is entering its active phase. Over 1,500 special police equipped with tanks, armoured cars, and aeroplanes, not counting the ordinary gendarmes and troops stationed in the island, are now engaged in cleansing Corsica of its pest.

This formidable force set out from Ajaccio in four columns at midnight on Sunday, and by dawn yesterday morning each of the units had established itself in the strategic point chosen for launching the main operation.

About 40 or 50 arrests have already been made, but the captures so far are small fry and are mostly people suspected of complicity with the bandits, such as those who act as spies or as connecting links between the chiefs and their accomplices in the towns.

The real business will only begin when the cordon drawn round the mountain ridge where the bandits are hiding begins to close in. At present all the paths leading to it are guarded, while patrols of four or five men are systematically combing the area enclosed.

The thickness of the maquis and the ease of concealment in it makes it possible, however, for the searches to continue for several days without giving result, and it is pointed out that without local knowledge the searchers might look for ever and fail to come upon the bandits' hiding place.

The police, however, are relying on hunger to drive the quarry into the open, and they also hope that the impression made in the island by such a show of force will have a favourable influence on the mentality of the population and induce some of those who have hitherto been too scared to talk to open their mouths to the authorities.

Terror of Reprisals.

The terror of reprisals in which the inhabitants, live and the difficulty of obtaining any information from them has been one of the principal obstacles to suppressing banditry. The way in which Corsica has welcomed the present campaign encourages the belief that the peaceful section of the population, that is the vast majority, are ready to co-operate with the law in exterminating their oppressors once they are convinced that there is no longer any danger in doing so. This should prove an important factor in the success of the operations.

The allegation made by the correspondent of a London newspaper in Corsica that the gendarmes have really been despatched there to combat Italian Fascists, who had landed secretly in the island, is regarded here as preposterous. The reign of terror established by the bandits in Corsica is ample justification for the desire of the French authorities to eradicate them. There are about a score of leaders and probably at least 500 wanted men in all, so that the despatch of such a large force is not surprising.

"Rules of the Game."

Reuter's Nice correspondent declares that the bandit Micelli has written to the French Minister for War as follows: "I must respectfully beg to bring to your notice the attitude of our local colonel of gendarmes. By dressing his soldiers in civilian clothes he is neither acting in accord with the rules of warfare nor 'playing the game.' A soldier should never fight but in uniform."

"Also you must realise the danger which such an action brings upon the peaceful inhabitants of Corsica and the tourist public. It is obvious that my fellow-bandits will be obliged to take all civilians who approach them as gendarmes in plain clothes. In this way regrettable errors, which I myself would be the first to deplore, are almost certain to occur, while quite plainly all blame would fall directly upon the colonel."

The Minister for War's reply to this complaint was in the form of a telegram to the colonel in question requesting him to withdraw this order immediately and warning him in the future to pay greater attention to the "rules of the game."

LOST STEAMER FOUND.

ARCTIC FUR TRADER HELD FAST IN ICE-FLOE.

Point Barrow, Alaska, Dec. 5.—The Hudson Bay Fur-trading steamer, Baychimo, which disappeared in an Arctic storm while caught fast in the ice has been located by an Eskimo who arrived here to-day on his return from a trapping expedition.

The vessel, which is held fast in an ice-floe 45 miles from her original position off Point Barrow, proves to be but little damaged.

The Captain of the Baychimo proposes an attempt to recover the valuable cargo of furs carried on the ship. It is pointed out, however, that any attempt will be exceedingly dangerous, as the Baychimo is five miles from the shore and the ice is not likely to stand up to the transportation of the cargo.

ENGINEERING FIRMS HARD HIT.

SLUMP IN STERLING CAUSES CLOSURES IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Germany's, and Europe's, largest locomotive works, Henschel und Sohn in Cassel, closed down for one month to-day on account of lack of orders. The works had hitherto been kept going almost exclusively by a large Soviet contract which was recently completed, with a substantial loss to the firm on account of the depreciation of the pound sterling. Other German engineering works are in the same position, as almost all Russian orders in Germany were contracted for on a pound sterling basis. They are completing Soviet orders at a ruinous discount and have no chance of further business once these orders are delivered.

The total loss of German industry on Soviet orders owing to the pound sterling slump is now estimated at 200,000,000 marks, though there is still hope that some arrangement will be arrived at with the Soviet under which the German firms would be compensated for at least part of their losses.

SILVER LOAN TO CHINA SUGGESTED.

STIMULANT TO WORLD TRADE GENERALLY.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—Mr. R. J. Marjow, who is described here as a Shanghai banker, declared to-day that a loan of several million dollars worth of silver would aid greatly in restoring prosperity to China.

Mr. Marjow said that a loan of silver to China would aid not only China in recovering prosperity but would stimulate world trade generally.

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Helsinki	245
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Bucharest	550
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Buenos Aires	40 1/2
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MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN P.O. BUILDING.

"What is it, where did it come from? I wonder if anyone is hurt," and similar cries were heard near the Post Office about 3 p.m. yesterday when a loud explosion was heard, apparently emanating from the second floor verandah of the Post Office, fronting the Lane which

separates the Post Office and P. and O. Building. This was followed by a cloud of smoke and dust and speculation was rife as to what had happened.

When our inquisitive representative had made his way to the second floor, he was taken to the verandah and shown a dustbin. "This is what happened," he was told. "A pile of cinders was heaped into this bin which contained a lot of waste paper and the explosion must have

been caused by spontaneous combustion." Our representative found it hard to understand why cinders heaped into a dustbin should cause an explosion, even if the cover of the dustbin was on. However, his informant persisted in the story that the thing just went off by itself and it was left at that.

The explosion attracted a large crowd and caused what little waste paper there was in the bin to burn but the fire was soon put out by those on the premises.

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SIR O. MOSLEY
A BOXER.WHY HE CARRIED A
TRUNCHEON.SEQUEL TO ROWDY
MEETING.

Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the New Party, appeared at Birmingham to answer summonses alleging that he assaulted Walter Jennings, of New Summer-street, Birmingham, and Richard Thomas Cornwall, of Loveday-street, Birmingham.

Mr. J. F. E. Ritchie (prosecuting) said that Sir Oswald's meeting in the Rag Market, Birmingham, on October 18, was attended by about 15,000 people, and while Sir Oswald was speaking there was a certain amount of heckling. When the loud speakers failed the heckling was more effective. Some one on the platform blew a whistle, and numbers were called out. At this a number of men started coming forward towards the platform. Sir Oswald jumped down and approached Cornwall, who stood up as Sir Oswald bent over him.

Sir Oswald, said Mr. Ritchie, asked, "Is it going to be fair speech or a free fight?" Cornwall replied that it did not matter to him, whereupon Sir Oswald struck him and knocked him over. Some men then dragged Cornwall away and treated him so roughly that his eye was in bandages for a week. "The crowd became angry at such an assault," he said, "and Jennings was thrown in the crush towards Sir Oswald," who punched his eye and kicked his chin.

"After something of a general mêlée, during which chairs were thrown about," he said, "Sir Oswald retired from the battle and he and his supporters, instead of trying to soothe and pacify the meeting, stood on the platform and incited the people to attack them."

One man on the platform, he said, took off a glove and showed that he had a knuckle duster, and said, "Come on and fight me." Sir Oswald obtained a truncheon from somewhere and waved it in front of the crowd. He alleged that the chairman threw a bottle among the people.

"Disgraceful Scene." "The assault on Cornwall," said Mr. Ritchie, "precipitated this disgraceful scene—the worst that has been seen at a political meeting in Birmingham for many years. Jennings gave evidence and in cross-examination by Mr. St. John Hutchinson he denied that there was anybody supporting him financially in the case."

Mr. Hutchinson: I suggest this is a put up job to try and injure Sir Oswald politically.—No.

Cornwall declared that Sir Oswald punched him with his right fist, whereupon Mr. St. John Hutchinson mentioned that Sir Oswald was a trained boxer and boxers usually hit with their left.

Sir Oswald, giving evidence, said that he had no bodyguard.

"We have stewards to maintain order at meetings where we have reason to anticipate that there will be trouble," he said, "but I take no one around with me as a bodyguard."

"Cornwall and others adopted a menacing attitude," he said, "but it was not until Cornwall raised a chair to strike me that I took action. I got him by his arms and lifted and pushed him backwards with the result that he fell on his back. It was the least violence I could adopt to prevent being hit over the head by a chair."

Sir Oswald said that it was not until after a meeting at Glasgow when some of his supporters were attacked with razors that they carried truncheons to protect themselves against similar attacks. The summonses were dismissed.

BIG DRUG SEIZURE AT
HAMBURG.AMERICAN ALLEGED TO BE
HEAD OF ORGANISATION.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The Police at Hamburg have seized five hundred-weights of morphine as a result of information found in the pockets of an American arrested here.

The man is alleged to be the head of an international drug smuggling organisation.

In addition to the big seizure the police obtained possession of a number of boxes which had contained 13 cwt. of heroin which mysteriously disappeared from storage in Hamburg.

PEN PICTURE OF
THE QUEEN.SERENE BUT BUSY DAYS AT
THE PALACE.WHEN PRINCESS ELIZABETH
MAKES A CALL.

Interesting pen pictures of royalty at home, of the Queen at her daily tasks, are given in "Memoirs of a Maid of Honour," by the Hon. Katharine Villiers, which has been published. (Ivor Nicholson and Watson, 18s.)

"Queen Mary," writes the authoress, "bears her responsibility with a steady optimism, with a practical philosophy all her own."

Here is Miss Villiers' description of "a bright morning at Buckingham Palace in the spring": "Breakfast is always a cheery meal. The Queen is punctual. She stands in the sunny breakfast room fastening a jewel bangle on her wrist, glancing out of the windows. The King enters, perhaps laughing over something with Prince George, who follows him and crosses over to his mother. The Prince kisses her extended hand, and is then embraced."

Nowadays it is usually quite a small party that assembles for breakfast. The Queen's face perhaps is grave, her eyes amused. For amusement dances often in the Queen's eyes, giving to her whole face a curiously attractive and humorous expression. As the meal proceeds plans for days ahead are discussed; newspapers are glanced at; the Queen opens her personal letters.

In the Garden.

Then there are audiences—all the people who beg to see the Queen: The Master of the Household asks for half-an-hour. . . . some detail of arrangement. Then there is a mass of detail and reports from the various Royal residences, in the up-keep of which the Queen always takes ardent interest. Then an architect with a plan, a sculptor with sketches, a portrait painter, a miniaturist.

"It is always a great pleasure to the Queen to walk around the trim gravel paths of the Palace garden in the sun," says Miss Villiers. As the season advances and the weather becomes warmer, a tent is pitched in some sheltered spot. A carpet is laid down, chairs and a table brought out, and here the Queen and her secretaries work through the morning.

"As a rule the lunch parties are small and intimate, for so much has to be accomplished in the afternoon that it is not a meal over which their Majesties linger. The rest of the day is generally mapped out in detail."

There is always a long list of institutions, hospitals, orches, or convalescent homes who have earned a visit. The Queen will review needlework. . . . nurse the babies and talk to the mothers. . . . discuss scientific inventions with the surgeons, and sympathise with tired nurses.

A Tea-Time Visitor.

"If any free moment remains before she must return to the Palace for tea the Queen (says the authoress) loves best to wander round some old curiosity shop."

Ten-time. The Queen sits on the sofa dispensing tea. . . . resting now in a happy quiet family atmosphere. Perhaps the doors will open to admit an adorable little figure with a crown of golden curls who rushes straight for grandma's welcoming arms. . . . She is followed in by a grave-faced nurse with a white bundle of softness on her arm. This the Duchess of York receives and holds while Princess Margaret Rose's chubby little fingers grope for the lovely pearls she knows so well.

From six to seven the Queen rests quietly, "but presently it will be time for her to rise and dress. . . . and so the end of a long day still finds the Queen superbly ready, crowned, jewelled, invested and serene."

LADY LANGFORD
AND HUSBAND.TEA-SHOP PEENESS ASKS
FOR MAINTENANCE.SUMMONS GRANTED AT WEST
LONDON.

An application on behalf of Lady Langford for a summons for maintenance against Lord Langford was made at Marylebone Police Court to-day by Mr. M. Turner-Samuels. Lady Langford was present in court when the application was made.

Mr. Turner-Samuels said it was alleged that Lord Langford had deserted his wife for a number of years.

"They were married in April 1923," he said. "They lived together for a time. He got into very serious debt. In 1923 he went abroad, and Lady Langford did not know where he had gone. She made inquiries and by going to the police she found that he had apparently gone to Canada."

"He wrote her a letter in 1924, but he has made no attempt whatever to maintain her."

"From 1924 it was impossible to trace him until the beginning of this year, when, in fact his uncle died and he came into the title of Lord Langford."

Proceedings in Australia.

"He came back to this country last month."

"In the early part of this year he took proceedings in Australia against Lady Langford for divorce, and the ground of the divorce was that she had deserted him for upwards of three years."

"Apparently that is sufficient cause in Australia for divorce."

"On June 10, 1930, this man entered into a bigamous marriage in Victoria, and when this was discovered and the question of his prior marriage came up he started these proceedings as a sort of cover."

"I have before me an affidavit in which he says he got into touch with Lady Langford. As a matter of fact he never supported her or attempted to find a home for her or do anything for her."

"We find he is now living in Jerusalem-street at quite an expensive flat, and it is clear he must have some means in order to keep up the life he is living, apparently that of a man about town."

Not in My Jurisdiction.

The Magistrate.—Where were they married?

Mr. Turner-Samuels. They were married in Dublin at the church known as the Star of the Sea.

Where does she live?—St. Helen's gardens, West Kensington.

The Magistrate. That is not in the jurisdiction of this court at all.

Mr. Turner-Samuels.—I made inquiries and was told that application should be made at this court.

The Magistrate (Mr. Bingley) asked a warrant officer, who assured him that the application should have been made at West London Police Court.

Mr. Bingley (to the counsel).—You will have to make the application at that court."

Later in the day an application was made at West London Police Court, and a summons for main tenance was granted.

SPEEDING UP EMPIRE
AIR ROUTES.DAILY SCHEDULE AT 180
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London, Dec. 3.—It is officially announced to-day that an air mail service, linking the Empire by postal aeroplanes operating on a regular 24-hour schedule at a speed of three miles per minute, is one of the proposed developments to which the Air Ministry is giving attention.

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DECEMBER 16, 1931.

DECEMBER 17, 1931.

STATION		BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND	WIND DIRECTION		WIND FORCE	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND	WIND DIRECTION		WIND FORCE	
		Inches	Mills.			Inches	Mills.		Inches	Mills.			Inches	Mills.		
Wladivostok	12	30.19	763.2	14	...	N	1	c	6	30.32	770.2	9	...	W	0	o
Nemuro	11	29.80	757.0	...	...	S	3	...	5	29.54	758.0	...	...	W	3	...
Hakodate	...	29.82	757.5	...	...	W	2	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	WNW	W	5	...
Tokio	...	29.81	758.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	30.00	765.5	...	...	N	1	...
Kochi	...	30.04	733.0	...	...	SSW	1	...	...	30.26	769.0	...	...	W	1	...
Nagasaki	...	30.24	739.0	...	...	NNW	4	...	...	30.88	771.5	...	...	W	1	...
Kagoshima	...	29.30	737.0	...	...	NNW	1	...	...	30.34	770.5	...	...	...	0	...
Oshima	...	30.13	766.5	...	...	N	3	...	...	30.28	768.5	...	NNW	NNW	2	...
Naha	...	30.22	767.6	...	...	NNW	4	...	...	30.28	769.0	...	NNW	NNW	2	...
Ishigaki-jima	...	30.28	769.0	...	...	NNW	2	...	...	30.28	768.5	...	NNW	NNW	1	...
Bonin Island	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	S	1	...	...	30.09	769.5	...	WNW	WNW	1	...
Chaofo	15	30.47	773.9	30	...	MW	8	b	6	30.30	785.8	28	...	S	1	b
Shanghai	14	30.56	778.2	45	6	NNW	2	bc	...	30.54	779.5	25	4	NNW	2	b
Guthrie	...	30.56	778.2	44	...	N	4	b	...	30.54	775.7	34	...	NNW	1	b
Wenchow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Foochow	...	30.33	770.4	58	4	E	2	b	...	30.34	770.6	54	6	NNE	2	b
Amoy	...	30.31	769.9	58	6	NE	4	c	...	30.29	769.3	52	6	NE	4	o
Swatow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihuo	11	30.48	772.8	54	...	...	0	...	5	30.52	770.0	56	...	E	2	o
Taihu	...	30.26	768.8	56	...	N	4	...	...	30.21	767.4	46	...	...	0	...
Taiwan	...	30.22	767.6	81	...	N	4	...	...	30.17	766.4	58	...	NNW	0	bc
Koshun	...	30.16	766.1	70	...	NE	6	b	...	30.14	765.9	65	...	NE	6	o
Pescadores	...	30.23	767.0	61	...	NNE	6	...	...	30.20	767.0	61	...	NE	6	o
Hong Kong	14	30.22	767.6	83	8	N	3	bc	6	30.23	767.8	58	7	N	2	o
Gap Rock	...	30.23	767.6	67	...	NE	5	b	...	30.20	767.1	87	8	ENE	4	o
Macao	...	30.23	767.3	61	...	NE	4	b	...	30.19	766.9	54	4	NNW	4	...
Hoihow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	...	30.14	765.5	74	6	NE	6	...	6	30.16	766.0	74	8	NE	6	o
Phulien	16	30.22	767.8	70	6	NNW	2	b	7	30.29	767.8	54	5	ENE	4	r
Touraine	...	30.11	764.9	20	8	NNW	4	...	...	30.13	765.4	66	...	NW	2	b
Cape St. James	...	29.88	769.0	79	6	ENE	2	...	...	29.94	760.5	72	6	NNE	3	...
Basco	14	30.05	763.2	72	6	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appari	...	30.09	762.0	78	4	NE	4	...	...	30.04	763.0	76	6	ENE	4	...
Luguegarao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.87	758.3	85	8	NW	4	b	...	29.95	760.6	70	6	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.80	754.4	86	8	N	2	...	...	29.90	759.5	77	6	N	4	...
Legaspi	...	29.84	758.0	83	8	N	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.85	758.2	83	8	NNW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.83	757.8	89	8	E	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boile	...	29.79	756.6	86	8	NNW	6	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.74	756.5	86	8	NNW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singapore	...	29.80	757.0	83	8	NNW	4	...	...	29.97	768.8	75	...	NE	3	b
Swipin	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.78	765.4	...	...	NE	6	b	4.22	29.82	757.8	80	...	NE	2	...
Yap	11.00	29.77	766.1	...	...	NE	1	bc	5	29.91	757.1	78	...	ENE	2	...
Pelaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.95	760.7	76	6	...	...	...	6	29.90	759.4	74	1	S	6	b

December 17d. 10h. 48m.—The anticyclone has weakened. It is central near Shanghai, moving East.
 Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 79.98 inches, against an average of 82.58 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 18.

Direction	Forecast
A.—Shanghai to Turnabout	N.E. and variable winds, light to moderate; generally fine.
B.—Turnabout to Hong Kong	N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.
C.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh; generally cloudy.
D.—Hong Kong to Human Straits	N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, local rain.
E.—North China Sea	N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, local rain.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 17.

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	30.31	30.26
Temperature...	62	61
Humidity...	44	41
Wind...	N	ENE
Direction...	N	ENE
Force...	3	3
Weather...	B	C
Rain...	0.0	0.0

Highest open-air Temperature, 18.6.

Lowest open-air Temperature, 17.5.

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing Showers; Q=Qualls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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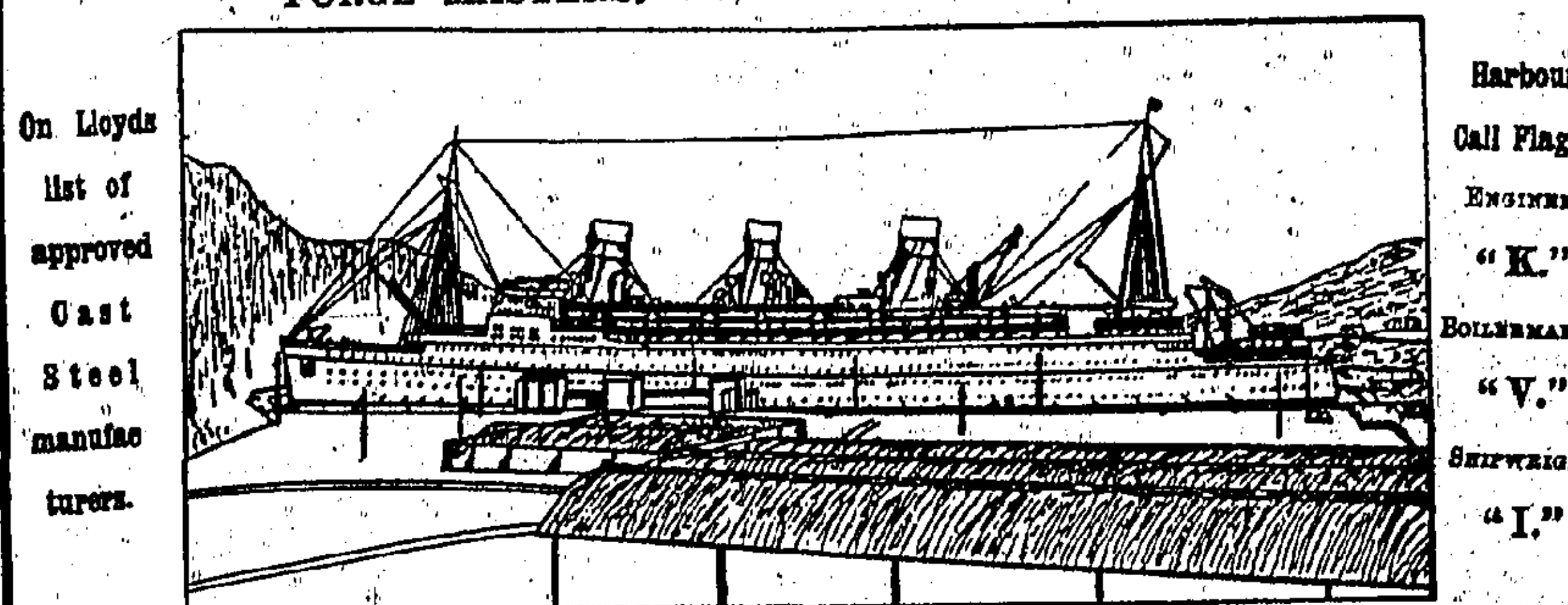
Day of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Fri.	18	19.00	5.2	10.05	2.8
Sat.	19	17.57	5.4	09.40	4.4
Sun.	20	16.44	5.6	09.10	2.8
Mon.	21	15.00	5.8	08.30	3.0
Tues.	22	13.18	6.0	07.55	3.2
Wed.	23	11.44	6.2	07.15	3.4
Thur.	24	10.17	6.4	06.30	3.6

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	"SANDVIKEN"	Wed., 23rd Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"CHAKSANG"	Sun., 27th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"HANGSANG"	Wed., 30th Dec., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI DIRECT	"FOOSHING"	Satur., 18th Dec., at Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & OALOUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Tues., 7th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Satur., 16th Jan., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"SUISANG"	Satur., 22nd Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Tues., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"YUSANG"	Fri., 1st Jan., at Noon
	"MAUSANG"	Sun., 3rd Jan., at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, SHANGHAI & CHEFOO	"CHIPSANG"	Tues., 29th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"CHONGSANG"	Thurs., 7th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"YATSHING"	Tues., 22nd Dec., at 7 a.m.

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